

Preparatory Work for A Level English Literature

In preparation for studying 'A Sweet Bird of Youth' by Tennessee Williams in Michaelmas Term

Contextual Research

Research the following areas to support your understanding of the context of 'A Sweet Bird of Youth'. You should make detailed notes on:

- The Life of Tennessee Williams
- The History of the Civil Rights movement
 - Look up the Jim Crow Laws
- The History of the Antebellum South in Southern America (you may find it useful to watch 'Gone with the Wind' which is a classic film)
- The American Dream
- The Hollywood film industry in the 1940s-50s

Reading

Read 'A Streetcar Named Desire' by Tennessee Williams. Make notes on:

- The presentation of Blanche and her relationship with her sister, Stella
- The presentation of Stanley