

1. Re-read the first stage directions (all the words in italics) of Act I. Why are these stage directions important? How do they help to establish the setting? What mood do they set? (RL 7.3)
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2. What conflict is introduced in this opening act of the teleplay? How do the characters react to this conflict? (RL 7.3)
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3. What purpose does the character of Tommy fulfill in Act I? How does his explanation of the events on Maple Street contrast with the explanation of the adults? (RL 7.6)
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4. How does the loss of electricity/technology change the mood of the story? How does Tommy's story change the mood? (RL 7.3)
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5. How does the McCarthy video that we watched yesterday tie in to Act I? How do the actions of the characters near the end of the act show the influence of the Cold War and McCarthyism? (RL 7.9)
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