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Scene 1
1. In what city is the play set?
2. What does Stanley carry as he enters at the beginning of the play?
3. To what does Williams compare Blanche’s manner and clothing in the stage directions?
4. What directions was Blanche given to Stella’s place?
5. What relationship is Blanche to Stella?
6. What job did Blanche previously have?
7. What is Belle Reve?
8. How does Blanche feel about Stella’s home?
9. Why does Blanche say she left her job?
10. What happened to Belle Reve?

Scene 2
1. What about herself does Stella ask Stanley not to mention to Blanche?
2. What, according to Stella, is Blanche’s “little weakness”?
3. What does Stanley say the Napoleonic Code is?
4. What favor does Blanche ask Stanley?
5. Why does Blanche ask Stella to get her a Coke at the drugstore?
6. What does Blanche say she’ll burn?
7. For what does Stella apologize to Blanche?
8. Why do Blanche and Stella go out on poker night?

Scene 3
1. Why doesn’t Mitch enjoy going out?
2. Describe the joke Steve tells.
3. What about Stanley makes Stella think that he will succeed in life?
4. Who gave Mitch his silver cigarette case?
5. What does the name Blanche mean?
6. What does the name DuBois mean?
7. What lies does Blanche tell Mitch about Stella?
8. After Blanche and Mitch begin dancing, what does Stanley do with the radio?
9. For what does Blanche thank Mitch?
Scene 1
1. In what city is the play set?
   The play is set in New Orleans.

2. What does Stanley carry as he enters at the beginning of the play?
   He carries a bowling jacket and package from the butcher.

3. To what does Williams compare Blanche's manner and clothing in the stage directions?
   Williams compares Blanche to a moth.

4. What directions was Blanche given to Stella's place?
   She was told to take a street-car named Desire, then transfer to one called Cemeteries, and ride six blocks and get off at Elysian Fields.

5. What relationship is Blanche to Stella?
   Blanche is Stella’s older sister.

6. What job did Blanche previously have?
   Blanche says she was an English teacher.

7. What is Belle Reve?
   Belle Reve was the DuBois family home/plantation.

8. How does Blanche feel about Stella’s home?
   She says only Edgar Allan Poe could do it justice, and she asks why Stella never told her that she has to live in “these conditions.”

9. Why does Blanche say she left her job?
   She says her nerves broke.

10. What happened to Belle Reve?
    It was repossessed by the bank.

Scene 2
1. What about herself does Stella ask Stanley not to mention to Blanche?
   Stella asked Stanley not to tell Blanche about her pregnancy.

2. What, according to Stella, is Blanche’s “little weakness”?
   Blanche’s vanity, her concern over her appearance, is her weakness.
3. What does Stanley say the Napoleonic Code is?
   He says it is spousal ownership of property.

4. What favor does Blanche ask Stanley?
   Blanche asks Stanley to fasten the buttons on her dress.

5. Why does Blanche ask Stella to get her a Coke at the drugstore?
   She wants Stella out of the apartment so she can speak to Stanley candidly.

6. What does Blanche say she’ll burn?
   She says she will burn love letters that Stanley has touched.

7. For what does Stella apologize to Blanche?
   She apologizes for Stanley’s rudeness.

8. Why do Blanche and Stella go out on poker night?
   They are not invited when the men are playing poker.

Scene 3
1. Why doesn’t Mitch enjoy going out?
   He worries about his mother.

2. Describe the joke Steve tells.
   A rooster stops pursuing a hen because a farmer throws corn out to eat.

3. What about Stanley makes Stella think that he will succeed in life?
   Stella says, “It’s a drive that he has.”

4. Who gave Mitch his silver cigarette case?
   A former girlfriend who is now deceased gave it to him.

5. What does the name Blanche mean?
   Blanche means “white.”

6. What does the name DuBois mean?
   DuBois means “wood.”

7. What lies does Blanche tell Mitch about Stella?
   Blanche tells Mitch that Stella is older than she is by less than a year and that she
   has come to help Stella for a while because Stella is very run down.

8. After Blanche and Mitch begin dancing, what does Stanley do with the radio?
   He throws it out the window.