

Bessie Blog Post Assignment

Make a new blog post and call it “Bessie. Then do these items:

1. Design an informative, multi-modal blog post that provides at least three useful links to other websites, pictures, audio clips, and video about this famous blues legend.
2. Place this chart on the post and list the characters from the play into categories (we will discuss them in class as we read the play):

Black Characters • Bernie • Jack • The Orderly	White Characters • Nurse • The father • Second Nurse • The Intern • The mayor
Old/static Characters • The mayor • The father • Bernie • Jack	Young/dynamic Characters • The Orderly • Nurse • The intern • The second nurse
Men • Jack • The father • The Orderly • Bernie • The mayor • The intern	Women • The Nurse • Second Nurse
Conservatives- Focus on Past, Inactivity, Status Quo • The mayor • The father • Nurse • Second nurse • Bernie	Liberals- Focus on Future, Progress, Movement, Action • The Orderly • The intern • Jack

4. Create a Google doc to respond to these questions and include it in the post:

- A. What are some messages that Edward Albee conveys in the play when he separates people by color? By age? Gender? Politics?
- B. When all is said and done, characters in the play remain unscathed by the tragedy of how Bessie Smith *really* died. What is Albee saying about these characters, and if the characters represent the times in which they live, what is he saying about that period?

C. Why was the death relevant to an audience in 1961? What about in 2018?

Need ideas?

- Here's [an online text of the play](#) (most of it)
- Read this essay called [SOCIAL CRISIS IN ALBEE'S THE DEATH OF BESSIE SMITH](#)
- Here is [another essay](#) that can help.