

Discussion Questions: Scenes 1 and 2

1. How are Stella, Stanley, Blanche, Eunice, and Steve interrelated?

2. What is Stanley's initial response to Blanche's visit at the end of Scene 1?

3. What does Blanche indicate is her professional job in Laurel? What has happened to her husband?

4. What explanation does Blanche give for having lost Belle Reve?

5. How does Stanley's attitude toward Blanche change in Scene 2 and what evokes that change?

6. What is the implication of the "Napoleonic Code" as it relates to Stella and Stanley?

7. In one of his passages in Scene 1, Williams builds an elaborate description of Stanley Kowalski. What is your impression of Stanley as you have observed him through Scene 2? What is your impression of Stella? Of Blanche?

8. Describe the confrontation between Stanley and Blanche in Scene 2.