

## Theme Assignment for “The Monsters Are Due On Maple St”

**Purpose:** Demonstrate your understanding of theme and the play “The Monsters Are Due On Maple St.”

**Expectation:** In a small group (3 - 6), create a presentation that states and defends a theme of “The Monsters Are Due on Maple St.”

Your presentation can be a **poster**, a **google slides**, or a **scene**.

Poster Expectations: The poster must have the theme clearly stated on it. It must have at least three quotes from the play on it. It must include illustrations of moments or characters from the play. During the presentation, you must state how the quotes you picked support the theme.

Google Slides Expectations: There must be a title slide, a slide that states the theme clearly, at least three slides that provide a quote from the text and some bullet point ideas about why that quote supports the theme. During the presentation, you must expand on the ideas on the slide (you should not be reading word for word from the slide presentation).

Scene Expectations: You will choose one of the four scenes to perform. You must assign the roles, design a simple set (using what’s in the room, like desks and chairs), find or build props, and rehearse the scene (it does not have to be memorized). During the performance, you must take it seriously and be true to the intended tone of the playwright (this is not a comedy.) Each person in the group must write and submit a separate paragraph explaining how the scene supports the theme.

Scene 1: Beginning of Act 1 - “You and Steve go into town and see if that isn’t what’s causing it all”

Scene 2: “Mr. Brand” - End of Act 1

Scene 3: Beginning of Act 2 - “Well some of us won’t.”

Scene 4: “It’s Pete Van Horn!” - End of Act 2.

**\*\*Note:** A group of 3 probably can’t do this - there are too many characters.\*\*

You will be graded on the accuracy of the theme, the quality of the supporting evidence and explanations, and a professional presentation. All groups should be ready to present on Thursday.