



**Acting 1 & 2 (Introductory Acting)**  
*Character Development from a Script*  
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**Learning Objective:**

The student will create character backgrounds from reading a play.

**Bell Ringer:**

What is a memory play?

Who is considered the narrator in the play?

The character of Amanda lives in the past. Defend this statement with a couple of examples from the play.

**Lesson Steps:**

If you are cast in a play, the first thing that you should do is to study the play. You need to understand the plot, themes, and characters' backgrounds, motivations, and relationships.

Today, you will continue studying *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams.

The character of Jim will not arrive, yet; but much will be said about him. Make sure that you write down things that are said about Jim on his character shopping list form.

**Practice:**

1. Read scenes 3 & 4.

[The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams](#)

2. Record information you learn about your chosen character on your character shopping list.