

## APPENDICES

### SYNOPSIS OF BABBITT

Babbitt is a story which sets in the modern Midwestern city of Zenith. The protagonist, George Follansbee Babbitt, is a 46- year-old successful real estate broker, yet; deceitful and conformist middle class man.

George F. Babbitt has a complete family which consists of his wife, Myra, and his three children; they are Verona, Ted and Tinka. He lives at a redistrict residence, Floral Height, with other prosperous businessmen. He also has a prospective career in earning his living.

Babbitt has achieved what he needs after all in order to indicate himself as the part of the society. Ironically, his conformity does not bring him happiness but lifeless days. Afterward, he begins to become bored of his life and he plans for a rebellion. Nevertheless, in his rebellious state, he tempts himself to act like the society does although he knows how corrupt and hypocritical his community is.

At the end of the story, Babbitt realizes that home actually gives him the finest sense to its sincerity, forgiveness and true love. And he feels happy with the assurance of his family. Consequently, although Babbitt can not successfully rebel but he shows his empathy to his son, Ted to lead his life as his own principles provides.

## BIOGRAPHY OF SINCLAIR LEWIS

Sinclair Lewis was born February 7, 1885, in Sauk Centre, Minnesota, as the third son of a country doctor. In 1902, Lewis contributed in the *Yale Literary Magazine*. In 1912 he published his first book, Hike and the Aeroplane and Our Mr. Wrenn as his second book, then, followed by other books.

Sinclair Lewis was the first American who was given the Nobel Prize for Literature. He was also nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for Main Street and Babbitt and Arrowsmith which won the award.

In 1942, Lewis became short-tempered and got a serious skin disease after his divorce. Then, Lewis died of the effects of advanced alcoholism on January 10, 1951, Rome at the age of 66.