

Drama, Writing and Speech Assignment 1

- Read Act I of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* and be prepared for a quiz on the content. Be able to answer the questions on the study guide material. (You do not have to write out the questions.)
- Remember to plan for Friday night, November 21 at 6:30 p.m., as we watch a production of the play. Please let me know whether you can come or not.
- Think of a topic, the characters and basic idea or theme of your own one-act play. We will be performing the plays at the end of the year in front of other students (not Speech Night).
- The picture on the right is of Thornton Wilder. Remember some of the interesting facts that I told you about this excellent playwright, such as the fact that his father was an ambassador in China and that he attended a Hudson Taylor missionary school. It may be assumed that much of his work has religious themes and content because of his education and upbringing. His brother was a minister.

