

Resource Sheet #4

Assessment

The historian William F. McDonald explains the reasons for the end of the Federal Theatre Project in the following way, “during the life of the project its purpose was never properly clarified ... Mrs. Flanagan was never quite aware of the limitations that surround the spending of government money.” To what extent do you agree with McDonald? What could have been done differently to save the Federal Theatre? (Use the problems which you identified through your analysis of the primary sources to support your answer.)