

**English Literature
Summer Reading Assignment
Freshmen, Sophomores, and Seniors**

**Literature to Read: *A Raisin in the Sun*
By Lorraine Hansberry**

Assignment: Due the first day of class. Twelve points will be taken off the assignment for each day the assignment is late. Please bring the text to class the first day of school.

Your assignment is to read the drama *A Raisin in the Sun*. This is about a man's hopes and dreams for himself and for his family. As you read, identify the hopes and dreams of each character and identify what stands in the way of those hopes and dreams. You will respond using a reading log. **This reading log should be typed.** Set up your reading log as follows:

Your Name
The Name of the Course
Ms. Fuller
Date

1. Identify the character you are analyzing: Put his or her name after the heading on your paper.
2. Identify the hope/dream that the character has. Do they have more than one hope or dream? In a sentence, state the hopes and dreams of the character and put this sentence under the character's name.
3. Find at least six quotes from the text to support each hope or dream and list them. Include the page number after each quote and also state which hope/dream the quote supports.
4. Now state, in a sentence, what obstacles stand in the way of each hope/dream. Support each obstacle with at least four quotes. Include a page number for each quote and state the obstacle the quote supports.
5. Please keep the information for each character together and staple the pages together before handing them in.

What will help you in completing this assignment is to annotate your text while you read. As you read, make notations in the margins as to the hopes and dreams of each character and the things that stand in the way of those hopes and dreams. Also, as you read, underline quotes that can support your marginal notes and, in the margin, indicate which character it supports. **I will be checking your text for this annotation.**

If you have any questions on this assignment during the summer, please call me at 779-3441.

