

Sophomore Honors: Summer Reading Assignment 2023

Welcome to Honors Sophomore English, Tigers! In order to get a jumpstart on the year, we need you to do some work over the summer. Your assignment is to read a play, do a bit of annotating, and be prepared to write about the play on Day One. Here are the specifics:

1. Print a copy of Lorraine Hansberry's play *A Raisin in the Sun*.
 - A. You can find a link to the pdf on the LC website,
<https://www.spokaneschools.org/lewisclark>
 - B. If you would rather purchase a copy of the play, feel free to do so.
2. Read the play carefully; remember, that includes the stage directions!
3. Annotate for the following:
 - a. **ALL STUDENTS** need to annotate for characterization. Specifically, make note of:
 - i. Character descriptions
 - ii. Character evolutions/changes
 - iii. Specific quotations that reflect the essence of a character
 - iv. Explore why Hansberry includes the type of characters she does in the play
 - b. Based on your **LAST NAME**, also annotate for the following:
 - i. Last Names **A-E**: symbols in the play; what they represent, how their meaning evolves over the course of the play, why you think Hansberry includes them.
 - ii. Last Names **F-M**: irony; what kind of irony is it, why it's being used, how it's ironic, what it reveals in the larger story
 - iii. Last Names **N-S**: motifs; why Hansberry chose these elements to recur in the play, what they represent, what message they convey
 - iv. Last Names **T-Z**: Conflicts; what conflicts drive the story, why are they important, what is Hansberry suggesting to her audience by including these arguments.

Remember, *quality* annotations don't just mean finding or identifying an element in a text, but also **documenting your thinking about those findings by writing in the margins**. We want to know what you're thinking! Written annotations give you a chance to wrestle with the text and think critically about the choices the author is making. Ideally, annotations should be completed in pen.

Your annotations are due on the first day of school, September 5, 2023. Please bring your copy of the play with you to class and be ready to write & discuss your findings.

Any questions? Feel free to email your teacher! We will periodically check our school email over the summer:

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