

## **Group Project #1: Analysis of Drama**

### *Death of a Salesman and A Raisin in the Sun*

Each group is to collaborate (DO NOT DIVIDE AND CONQUER) to complete an insightful and comprehensive analysis. (Don't give one member character and another element-each member must complete all of the work.) Your grade will be based on the AP 9pt. scale so focus on analysis, not summary. All groups must use quotations and cite them with page numbers whenever possible. If you use outside sources, you must cite those with parenthetical citations. You will be presenting your findings to the class in a creative way (skit, film, modern version, musical, puppet show, fashion show, blog, facebook page, etc-Don't just rely on Powerpoint). You must also make your work available to the rest of the class via website, email, or handouts.

Each member will complete an anonymous **group evaluation** after the presentation. This evaluation may be used to impact your grade negatively. See **"Colloborative Conversation Contributions"** for help to make sure all members contribute to the team.

\*\*\*All groups must refer to the **LITERARY ANALYSIS: DRAMA** handout, your literary **terms** list, and **"Thinking on paper about...(your element)"** to complete the project. How do your element and character bring out the theme seeds?

#### **Theme Seeds:**

Visions of America and Views of The American Dream  
Dreams, Hopes, and Plans  
Lies, Betrayal, Deceit  
Success and Sacrifice  
Respect and Reputation  
Appearance vs Reality  
The Danger of Pride  
Ethics and Morality  
Family Dynamics and Love  
Group vs Individual  
Dignity in the midst of suffering  
Others?

**\*You will be tested on the other play. Read both plays!!!**

### **Death of a Salesman**

**Group 1:** Characters: Willy-see Characterization  
Elements: Plot/Structure and Conflicts  
Book Questions related to your topics  
New Criticism/Formalism

**Group 2:** Characters: Linda and Charley -see Characterization  
Elements: Setting and Figurative Language  
Book Questions related to your topics  
Feminist Criticism/Marxist Criticism

**Group 3:** Characters: Biff-see Characterization  
Elements: Theme(s) and Moral Center  
Book Questions related to your topics  
Historical/Social/Cultural Criticism

**Group 4:** Characters: Hap, Bernard, Ben -see Characterization  
Elements: Imagery, Symbolism, Allusions, and Irony  
Book Questions related to your topics  
Biographical/Archetypal/Mythic/Psychological Criticism

### **A Raisin in the Sun**

**Group 5:** Characters: Walter –see Characterization  
Elements: Plot/Structure and Conflicts  
Book Questions related to your topics  
New Criticism/Formalism

**Group 6:** Characters: Beneatha -see Characterization  
Elements: Setting and Figurative Language  
Book Questions related to your topics  
Feminist/Marxist Criticism

**Group 7:** Characters: Mama, Mr. Lindner, and Mrs. Johnson -see Characterization  
Elements: Theme(s) and Moral Center  
Book Questions related to your topics  
Historical/Social/Cultural Criticism

**Group 8:** Characters: Ruth, George, and Joseph Asagai -see Characterization  
Elements: Imagery, Symbolism, Allusions, and Irony  
Book Questions related to your topics  
Biographical/Archetypal/Mythic/Psychological Criticism