

## **Group Project: Drama Analysis**

### *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. Each member will complete an anonymous group evaluation after the presentation. This evaluation may be used to impact your grade negatively. All groups must use quotes and examples with page numbers whenever possible. You will be presenting your findings to the class in a creative way (skit, film, modern version, musical, puppet show, fashion show, 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.

\*\*\*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?

#### **Death of a Salesman**

**Group 1:** Characters: Biff-see Characterization

Elements: Plot/Structure and conflicts

Book Questions related to your topics

New Criticism/Formalism

**Group 2:** Characters: Hap and Bernard -see Characterization

Elements: Setting and Figurative Language

Book Questions related to your topics

Biographical/Feminist Criticism/Marxist Criticism

**Group 3:** Characters: Willy-see Characterization

Elements: Theme and meanings

Book Questions related to your topics

Historical/Social/Cultural Criticism

**Group 4:** Characters: Linda and Charley -see Characterization Elements:

Imagery, Symbolism, and Irony

Book Questions related to your topics

Archetypal/Mythic and Psychological Criticism

**A Raisin in the Sun**

**Group 5:** Characters: Mama, Mr. Lindner, and Mrs. Johnson -see

Characterization Elements: Plot/Structure and Conflicts

Book Questions related to your topics

New Criticism/Formalism

**Group 6:** Characters: Ruth, George, and Asagai -see Characterization

Elements: Setting and Figurative Language

Book Questions related to your topics

Biographical/Feminist/Marxist Criticism

**Group 7:** Characters: Walter-see Characterization

Elements: Theme and meanings

Book Questions related to your topics

Historical/Social/Cultural Criticism

**Group 8:** Characters: Beneatha-see Characterization

Elements: Imagery, Symbolism, and Irony

Book Questions related to your topics

Archetypal/Mythic and Psychological Criticism