

English 12- Minority Voices **Summer Reading Project**

Over the summer, students in Minority Voices are required to read the play *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry and annotate the conflicts that are presented to the Younger family as they try to overcome their minority struggles and reach their American Dream.

While reading the play: Students will take notes and underline/highlight passages that relate to meaningful conflicts concerning the following topics:

- Poverty
- Racial identity
- Discrimination
- The struggle to achieve the American Dream

As you track these conflicts, be sure to consider the struggles on a societal level regarding the Black experience in general, but also be specific in your thinking about these struggles on a personal and familial level for the Youngers. You will submit your annotations at the start of the year.

After you read: Students will be assessed on the play during the first two weeks of school and complete an in-class writing assignment on the character struggles in *A Raisin in the Sun*. Please be ready to identify a character and their journey throughout the play upon your arrival back to school.

Please email Ms. Warthen (dwarthen@stjohnschs.org) if you have any questions.

