



# *Juan Seguin High School*

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Dear Students and Parents:

Congratulations on your completion of junior high. We look forward to continuing the journey towards excellence with you next year in Pre-AP English I.

In order to maintain a standard of excellence there are several things required of you as a student. As an individual student you will be encouraged to pursue excellence in all that you do by first making the decision to be **dedicated**. This decision, you will find, will enable you to do far more that you might have imagined.

Additionally, you will be required to commit yourself to doing all that is required of you in preparation for the 2017-18 school year.

**You will be required to obtain a copy of *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry.** It may be a hard copy or electronic. You will need to annotate as you read. There are two assignments that must be completed along with your reading and annotating, and all assignments must be completed and turned in **on the first day of school that you have PAP English I**. It is strongly recommended that you acquire this text at your earliest convenience. This is not something that should be completed last minute.

Should you have any questions regarding this summer reading assignment, please feel free to contact any of us via school e-mail at the addresses listed below. We will be doing some traveling this summer, but promise to get back to you at our earliest convenience.

We thank you in advance for your support and dedication to the Pre-AP and AP programs at Juan Seguin High School. We look forward to an exceptional year with you! ☺

Sincerely,

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2017-18 PAP English I Teachers

# Pre-AP English I Summer Reading

## *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry

**Assignment #1** - Annotate the text as you read. You will need to mark the text for (highlight, post it note, write in pencil, etc):

1. References to dreams/hopes (stated and implied)
2. Characterization (What do stage directions and the characters' lines reveal about them?)
3. Allusions (references to other pieces of literature)
4. Figurative language (metaphor, simile, personification)
5. Stage directions (make notes about what the stage directions reveal about the setting and the characters)

\*Bring your book/annotations to the first day of your English I class.

### **Assignment #2 Expository Essay**

Choose at least **two** of the main characters—Walter, Ruth, Beneatha, or Mama—and write an organized **expository essay** explaining how their experiences relate to the following theme: **the family is the most important relationship in most people's lives**. Include specific examples from the text (2 embedded quotes) to support your ideas. Your essay must include a thesis statement that is highlighted (what point are you trying to show or prove?). Your essay has to be typed, MLA Format (Google this if you aren't sure), no longer than 1 page (3 strong paragraphs), and printed so you can turn it in on the first day of your PAP English I class.

### **Assignment #3 Collage**

This assignment is a creative component about **YOURSELF**. You are going to make a collage to introduce yourself to the class. You will reveal your personality, dreams, struggles, mannerisms, attitudes, etc. through images. To consider: what symbols represent you? What colors and shapes do you most associate with yourself? What setting do you see yourself in? Be creative and take risks, but be prepared to explain your choices. Use **AT LEAST** 1/2 of a poster board (you will get points off if it's smaller than this). The collage should have a neat design and have **NO blank space**. You may use drawings, personal pictures, pictures from magazines, the internet, etc. This will be presented the first day of your PAP English I class.

**\*\*These assignments are the first major grade for the 1<sup>st</sup> 6 weeks.\*\***