

North Dallas Adventist Academy English Department
AP IV—Literature & Composition
2021-2022 Summer Reading

*All incoming seniors taking AP Literature & Composition are required to read the following plays in preparation for class discussion, testing, enrichment and written analysis during the first six weeks of school beginning in August of this year. Please complete the **Summer Reading Response: Journal Writing Guide** requirements while reading these materials in preparation for the 2021-2022 course.*

1. *The Death of a Salesman* (a two-act play by Arthur Miller)
2. *A Raisin in the Sun* (a three-act play by Lorraine Hansberry)

AP IV—English Literature & Composition
Summer Reading Response
Journal Writing Guide

Your summer assignment, while reading the two selections above, is to keep a [typed] separate reading response journal for each. While focused on the **big picture**, you must **find** and **record ways** to **recognize** how the **characters**, their **roles**, and the **situations that drive them** through the plot help to *illuminate the real meaning of the literary work as a whole*. Consider **why** the author has **chosen** these **characters**, **placed** them in the **plot**, and even **assigned** them their **names**. Consider **why these characters exist**. The key here is: **Characterization, Characterization, Characterization!** **Don't** be shy when it comes to **analyzing, annotating, and connecting ideas**. Also consider **symbols** that appear in the plays—pointing to areas of **symbolic epiphany!**

It is your responsibility to have all these assignments completed prior to the first day of school! Blessings to you, and may you have a wonderful summer. See you in the fall!

Sincerely,

Mr. Stirewalt