

ESSAY # 3 : THEATRE (TRAGEDY)

Final Draft Due Date:

Rough Draft/Peer Edit:

Assignment: Critically analyze *A Raisin in the Sun*. Choose One:

- 1) Explain how *A Raisin in the Sun* is a modern tragedy. Consider the setting of the story and the historical context in which the characters are living. Look at how the characters try to succeed and persevere, does each one exhibit a tragic flaw of sorts? Is this Walter Lee's story or something larger? Try to use terminology relating to the Tragedy form made popular with the ancient Greek plays.
- 2) How does *A Raisin in the Sun* reveal the dynamics of race relations and expectations in the 1950's and today? How does the idea of race affect families internally (like the Youngers)? How does the family unit rise against outside prejudice? Choose specific historical examples of events to help your essay.

Writing Goals

- Strict focus
- Tight organization
- Thorough analysis
- Sufficient and effective support
- Appropriate outside sources
- Properly formatted citation, both in-text and works cited

SPECS (If your paper fails to meet any of the required specifications, I will not accept it.)

- Minimum of 5 double-spaced, STAPLED, **proofread** pages MLA format.
- Minimum of three outside sources (must be academic), two must be print sources (databases and ebooks okay).
- Works Cited page (not part of the 5 page requirement).