

# Quarter 1

## Yearlong Essential Question:

*"How has history, society, and culture shaped The American Dream throughout time?"*

*English 11A*

## Texts & Media

**Class Anchor Text:** *A Raisin in the Sun*

**StudySync Reading:**

- The Harlem Renaissance
- *How it Feels to be Colored Me*

**Excerpts & Quotes - The American Dream**

- Various speakers & authors

**Videos & Documentaries**

- *What Does it Mean to Be an American?*  
NPR\_YouTube
- *Park Avenue*  
Documentary\_YouTube

**Formal Formatives:**

- NoRedInk Practice Lessons
- StudySync Modules/Reading Quizzes
- Digital Discussion Board/FlipGrid

**Minor Summatives:**

- NoRedInk Quizzes
- Reading Modules & Quizzes (StudySync)
- Prep/Materials Major Summatives

**Major Summatives:**

- Argument Essay
- One-Pager w/Readings
- Act 3 Module (StudySync)
- Socratic Seminar
- Research Mini-Project

## Skills To Cover

**READING SKILLS:**

- Drama, Poetry, Fiction & Non-Fiction Texts
- Reading Comprehension & Analysis
- Critical Thinking through multiple perspectives
- Literary Elements (dramatic conventions, poetry)

**WRITING SKILLS:**

- Grammar in isolation & within written work
- Thesis Construction
- Introduction & Body Paragraphs (AXES)
- Persuasive/Argumentative Writing

**RESEARCH SKILLS:**

- MLA & Citation
- Steps of Research

**COMMUNICATION SKILLS:**

- Socratic Seminar
- Verbal & Non-Verbal Skills

Teaching Vocabulary in Context

**Essential Questions:**

1. How do our experiences shape our dreams?
2. How does peer pressure influence your identity?



**WELCOME**  
TO OUR CLASS