

## Summer Reading for English III and IV Honors

**Rising English III Honors** – *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry and *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

**Rising English IV Honors** – *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde

Note: Prospective AP students will have summer reading expectations set by the individual school or teacher.

### SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS

GRADE	ASSIGNMENT	TIME FRAME
English IIIH	After Reading: Students will take part in a Socratic seminar followed by a critical writing assignment.	After Reading: Completed by the third week of school
English IVH	After Reading: Students will take part in a Socratic seminar followed by a critical writing assignment.	After Reading: Completed by the third week of school

- Newly placed or newly registered students have thirty days from entry to complete the assignments.

#### Socratic Seminar

A Socratic seminar is a way of teaching founded by the Greek philosopher Socrates. Socrates believed that students learn best by asking questions. Socratic Seminars help us engage a text in class. The thought process is when you work together to understand a text it will help everyone's understanding.

- It is essential you read the text and prepare yourself with important questions and quotations.
- There are three levels of questions.

Level I (Knowledge Questions):

- Knowledge means being able to show understanding by talking, writing, signing, drawing.

Please use the following stems in creating your Knowledge Questions:

- Can you state, in your own words?
- Can you describe?
- Can you defend your position?
- Can you summarize the information?

Level II (Application Questions):

Application means supporting your ideas with evidence. Please use the following stems in creating your Application Questions:

- Explain how ...
- Explain why ...
- Interpret the reasons ...
- Compare and contrast ...
- Connect and explain ...

Level III (Synthesis Questions):

Synthesis means combining or connecting two different elements.

In terms of the Socratic Seminar you will be connecting two texts with each other OR connecting a text to the outside world. Please use the following stems in creating your Synthesis Questions:

- Imagine ...
- What would happen if ...?
- Hypothesize ...
- Theorize ...
- Speculate...
- How is Text similar to Outside World?