

A Raisin In The Sun

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On Thursday, March 21st, several Marblehead High School juniors went on a field trip to see the play *A Raisin in The Sun* at the Huntington Theater in Boston, Massachusetts. The play focuses on an African American family in Chicago during the 1950s. Set during the time of racial segregation, *A Raisin in the Sun* demonstrates the struggles families faced on a day-to-day basis. The play revolves around the Younger family, who, due to the loss of a beloved family member, are torn on how to best use the deceased's ten thousand dollar life insurance policy. Each member is initially excited about the money because it could be used to fulfill their individual dreams.

During these turbulent times, the Younger family deals with major issues such as heartache, racial discrimination, and abortion. Yet, at the end of the day, the family is still supportive of each other, and their strength is demonstrated throughout the play. We learn a lot from this brave family: that, although it sounds cliché, love conquers all, and we must be there for each other in times of need.

This play is an emotional roller coaster. There are times when you laugh, and then times when you cry; and times you hate various family members, and times when you love them. This made me realize how relatable the play is. It may be set in a different neighborhood and in a different decade, but the Younger family is in so many ways similar to our own families. As Ellie DeCarvalho, a junior at MHS shares, "The play was very exhilarating; it brought laughter, excitement, and tears. I would love to be able to absorb and experience that again." I strongly recommend this play to anyone. It tugs on the heart strings of any person who has suffered a loss, or has struggled financially. I hope that you will enjoy *A Raisin in the Sun* as much as I did.