TERMINOLOGY

THEME TERMINOLOGY DEFINITIONS

TERM	DEFINITION
Colonialism	 the control or governing influence of a nation over a dependent country, territory, or people.
	 the system or policy by which a nation maintains or advocates such control or influence.
Post colonialism	 Postcolonialism speaks about the human consequences
(wikipedia)	of external control and economic exploitation of native
	people and their lands
Representation	Words or signs that take the place of something else
(SG page 55)	 to resemble something
	 to stand in for something or someone
	 to represent meaning
Stereotype	One way of depicting characters by emphasising singular
	values and not taking into account that a singluar
	character may possess different views that can be
	revealed in different ways in response to different stimuli
Contact zones	 refers to social spaces where cultures meet, clash and
(SG page 3)	grapple with each other, often in contexts of highly
	asymmetrical relations of power, such as colonialism,
	slavery, or their aftermaths as they lived out in many parts
	of the world today
Feminism	 the advocacy of women's rights on the ground of the
(google definitions)	equality of the sexes.
Gender (is a social	 Particular societies expect women and men to fulfil certain
constrution)	roles and exhibit certain characteristics.
SG page 56	• For example; women are expected to behave in
	traditionally feminine ways while men are expected to
	behave in traditionally masculine ways.
Gender conflict	 Because of gender above and people ideas of the roles
	males and females are supposed to play, this can gv rise
	to gender conflict

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Race	 a group of people sharing the same culture, history,
(google definitions)	language, etc.; an ethnic group.
Class	 a social division based on social or economic status.
Assimilation	 the process of adapting or adjusting to the culture of a
	group or nation, or the state of being so adapted:
Patriarchy	 A system of practices and structures in which men have
(SG page 56)	more power than women and are able to use their power
	to dominate and oppress women
Identity	 Your identity is who you are.
(google definitions)	• The identity of a person or place is the characteristics they
	have that distinguish them from others.
Resistance	 the refusal to accept or comply with something.
Disenfranchisement	 To deprive someone of their power, rights or privileges
(SG page 66)	
Protagonist	 the leading character or one of the major characters in a
(google definitions)	play, film, novel, etc.

Internet reference pages on guidance for summaries / themes / symbols / characters etc

http://www.novelguide.com/a-raisin-in-the-sun/character-profiles