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***A Raisin in the Sun –* Post Discussion Guide**

1. What does the setting add to the story? Explain your answer.
2. Are the characters in *A Raisin in the Sun* stereotypes? If so, explain the usefulness of employing stereotypes in the story. If they are not, explain how they merit individuality.
3. Describe the relationship between Ruth and Walter.
4. Describe the relationship between Mama and Walter.
5. Describe the relationship between Beneatha and Walter.
6. What function does the character of Travis serve in the play?
7. Explain how the names used in the play are appropriate.
8. Compare and contrast Bennie and Walter.

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1. Compare and contrast Asagai and George.
2. Explain what Walter’s reaction to the African music tells you about his character.
3. Who is responsible for Walter's situation? Explain your answer.
4. Could anything have been gained by including more scenes from the time before the events of the story? If so, what could have been added and for what purpose? If not, explain why not.
5. Why do you think the author included the element of Ruth's pregnancy. What did it add to the story?
6. Who is the main character in the play? Justify your answer.
7. Walter and Beneatha and Asagai have dreams. What are their dreams?

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1. Is the story of *A Raisin in the Sun* believable? Explain why it is or isn't.
2. Explain the role that “pride” played in the story. Use specific examples to support your point.
3. After reading *A Raisin in the Sun,* do you think it more important to make sure that your immediate family is happy or that you are happy as an individual?  Use specific examples to explain your answer.
4. After reading *A Raisin in the Sun,* what role to you think money plays in accomplishing your dream? Use specific examples to explain your answer.
5. In your own words define what it means to be successful. Who do you think was successful in *A Raisin in the Sun?* Use specific examples to support your point.

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***A Raisin in the Sun –* Post Reading Questions**

1. What does the setting add to the story? Explain your answer.

*The setting adds to the story because it helps to provide to the each of the characters’ dream of what they want to move up from. Living in the poor south side of Chicago gives all of the characters something to strive for.*

1. Are the characters in *A Raisin in the Sun* stereotypes? If so, explain the usefulness of employing stereotypes in the story. If they are not, explain how they merit individuality.

***Either answer is acceptable***

***Stereotype POV*** *– The characters are stereotypes of the types of people you would see at this time. It is useful to use stereotypes in this situation to symbolize the problems and the issues that people like the characters were facing during that time period.*

***Individuality POV*** *– Each character merits individuality by stressing the importance of each of their individual situations. The insurance check affects each of the separately and each of them expresses their own way they think the money should be spent.*

1. Describe the relationship between Ruth and Walter.

*Their relationship is strained by their living conditions and their financial situation. They obviously love each other, but issues with money, living in Mama’s apartment, and Ruth’s pregnancy all weigh on their relationship and make things difficult for both characters.*

1. Describe the relationship between Mama and Walter.

*Mama just wants what is best for Walter, she wants him to be responsible for his family and fulfill his dreams. However, because of his situation Walter and his family have to stay with Mama forcing him to be dependent on his mother as if he were a child. Because of his situation Mama still has a sense of authority in his life and is keeping him for being a responsible grown up.*

1. Describe the relationship between Beneatha and Walter.

*Beneatha and Walter have very similar personalities, they are both hard headed and strong willed. However, because of this they seem to clash when it comes to their different points of view of the world and how to live in it. They are both chasing their dreams, dreams that happen to be very different. They have what seems to be a typical brother/sister relationship.*

1. What function does the character of Travis serve in the play?

*Travis humanizes both Walter and Ruth, showing who they are responsible for. He symbolizes hope for the future with Walter. Travis also represents youth and naivety with his interactions with the rest of the characters.*

1. Explain how the names used in the play are appropriate.

*George and Asaigi are both appropriate names for their characters. George is a common American name whereas Asaigi is a common African name. They both symbolize the 2 different groups of Black culture in America during this time period.*

1. Compare and contrast Bennie and Walter.

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*Beneatha and Walter have very similar personalities, they are both hard headed and strong willed. Beaneatha believes in being an individual and finding one’s purpose in life through school and knowledge, whereas Walter wants to assimilate and become successful in the capitalistic world of the white man.*

1. Compare and contrast Asagai and George.

*Asagai believes that it is important to understand one’s culture and history in order to live a meaningful life. He is interested in helping people who cannot help themselves. George comes from a rich family and believes that school and knowledge is just a means to an end. He believes that culture and history are not important, money is important.*

1. Explain what Walter’s reaction to the African music tells you about his character.

*Any answer is acceptable as long as they address the topic and try their best!*

1. Who is responsible for Walter's situation? Explain your answer.

*Any answer is acceptable as long as they support their point of view with valid reasoning.*

*No Explanation – No credit!*

1. Could anything have been gained by including more scenes from the time before the events of the story? If so, what could have been added and for what purpose? If not, explain why not.

*Any answer is acceptable as long as they support their point of view with valid reasoning.*

*No Explanation – No credit!*

1. Why do you think the author included the element of Ruth's pregnancy? What did it add to the story?

*Any answer is acceptable as long as they support their point of view with valid reasoning.*

*No Explanation – No credit!*

1. Who is the main character in the play? Justify your answer.

*Any answer is acceptable as long as they support their point of view with valid reasoning. No Explanation – No credit*

1. Walter and Beneatha and Asagai have dreams. What are their dreams?

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***Something similar to these: 2 points per character***

***Walter*** *– to invest in a liquor store with his friends and become a rich business man.*

***Beneatha*** *– to go to school and be a successful independent female doctor.*

***Asagai*** *– to teach African Americans about their African heritage and about the injustices going on in Africa. To go to Africa to help make a difference for social change.*

1. Is the story of *A Raisin in the Sun* believable? Explain why it is or isn't.

*Any answer is acceptable as long as they support their point of view with valid reasoning. No Explanation – No credit*

1. Explain the role that “pride” played in the story. Use specific examples to support your point.

*Any answer is acceptable as long as they support their point of view with valid reasoning.*

*No supporting examples – No credit*

1. After reading *A Raisin in the Sun,* do you think it more important to make sure that your immediate family is happy or that you are happy as an individual?  Use specific examples to explain your answer.

*Any answer is acceptable as long as they support their point of view with valid reasoning.*

*No supporting examples – No credit*

1. After reading *A Raisin in the Sun,* what role to you think money plays in accomplishing your dream? Use specific examples to explain your answer.

*Any answer is acceptable as long as they support their point of view with valid reasoning.*

*No supporting examples – No credit*

1. In your own words define what it means to be successful. Who do you think was successful in *A Raisin in the Sun?* Use specific examples to support your point.

*Any answer is acceptable as long as they support their point of view with valid reasoning.*

*No supporting examples – No credit*

**5 points for their definition of success**

**5 points for who they think was successful and why**