

Ms. Frandsen

English 3P Academy

Week 2: *A Raisin in the Sun* Act 2 Scene 2

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During the next three weeks we will continue to work with the play *A Raisin in the Sun*. The movie we were watching in class as we were reading the play is available on Youtube. There is also a 2008 movie that I highly recommend with Sean Combs (P. Diddy) playing the part of Walter. Combs plays the part very differently than the way Danny Glover plays Walter in the movie we were watching, so it's fun to watch both movies and make comparisons. The 2008 movie version is available on Youtube and Netflix. The 2008 movie doesn't follow the play exactly, but it's still an excellent movie and it is certainly a good support for your reading.

The play text may be accessed by entering ***A Raisin in the Sun* text** in your online search engine. If you are using Google Chrome, the first website to show up is a good choice. This website has the very same book we were using in class. The text size is rather small, though, so you may need to enlarge the text on your screen. Also, the text on this website doesn't have page numbers, but if you hover your cursor on the top of the text, it will show you what page you are on. Here is a link to the website:

https://www.coppinacademy.org/ourpages/auto/2017/8/31/41911726/a_raisin_in_the_sun_-_lorraine_hansberry.pdf

You are welcome to use any website you choose that has the full text of the play.

Objectives

- Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
- Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically.

Week 2 Assignment, Act 2 Scene 2: April 27 – May 1

Begin by re-reading **Act II Scene 2** (pages 96-109 in the book we were using in class). Then write responses to the following ten questions:

Act 2 Scene 2 Questions: (at least 2-3 sentences for each response)

1. What qualities do we see in George Murchison at the beginning of the scene that Beneatha might not like?

2. Why does Beneatha refer to him as a fool, when speaking of him to her mother? In what ways would she consider him foolish?
3. When Mrs. Johnson says, "I'm just sooooo happy for y'all," do you think she is being honest or hypocritical? What later actions or words of hers either confirm or deny that she is speaking honestly here?
4. Why do Mama and Ruth roll their eyes before offering Mrs. Johnson the coffee? What do you think they are reacting to?
5. Why do you think Beneatha greets Mrs. Johnson so curtly? Why does Mrs. Younger object?
6. This question relates tangentially to the play and can be answered in many ways. What do you know about the Ku Klux Klan and other hate groups like them which exist in the United States? Do you think they should be allowed to continue to operate or do you think they should be outlawed? State your reasons.
7. In your opinion, why has Walter's drinking gotten worse?
8. Do you think Mrs. Younger made the right decision in deciding to give money for the liquor store venture to Walter? Why or why not?
9. What do we understand clearly when Travis asks his father if he's drunk?
10. At the end of the scene, when Walter says he will hand the world to his son, do you think this will really happen? Why or why not?

Reminders:

- Write your name on every document you submit to me through email
- Use a plain font style and edit your work carefully
- Email me at dfrandsen@tusd.net and attach your work to the email
- If you need to talk to me, email your phone number to me during office hours, and I will call you.

Office Hours: Monday 10-12; Tuesday 12-2; Wednesday 8-10; Thursday 2-4;
Friday 9-11