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Raisin in the Sun Study Questions

Act I Scene One

1. Why did Walter ask Ruth what was wrong with her?
2. Why was Ruth upset when Walter gave Travis the money?
3. Who are Willy and Bobo?
4. Walter said “Damn my eggs...damn all the eggs that ever was!” Why?
5. Who is Beneatha?
6. Why was Mama getting a check for \$10,000?
7. Why did Beneatha say she wouldn’t marry George?
8. What was Beneatha’s attitude toward God?
9. What happened to Ruth at the end of the scene?

Act I Scene Two

10. Who is Joseph Asagai?
11. What did Ruth find out at the doctor’s office?
12. Why is Asagai’s present to Beneatha appropriate?
13. Why is Asagai’s nickname for Beneatha appropriate?
14. What does Mama say is “dangerous”?
15. Where did Ruth actually go instead of the doctor’s office?
16. Why did Mama call Walter a disgrace to his father’s memory?

Act II Scene One

17. What was Beneatha’s family doing when George came in?

18. What are “assimilationist Negroes”?
19. What did Mama do with her money?
20. What was Walter’s reaction to Mama’s purchase?
21. What was Ruth’s reaction to Mama’s purchase?

Act II Scene Two

22. How did Ruth find out that Walter hadn’t been going to work?
23. Where had Walter been going instead of to work?
24. What did Mama do for Walter?

Act II Scene Three

25. Who was Karl Lindner, and why did he visit the Youngers’ home?
26. What was Walter’s reaction to Lindner?
27. What presents did the family give to Mama?
28. What news did Bobo bring to Walter?

Act III

29. Why didn’t Beneatha want to be a doctor anymore?
30. How did Asagai define “idealists” and “realists”?
31. What did Asagai ask Beneatha to do?
32. What fault did Mama find with herself?
33. What solution did Walter have?
34. Why didn’t Walter take the money Lindner offered?
35. What did Ruth mean when she said “He finally come into his manhood today, didn’t he?”