

Class Notes for 4/12/06

“Can someone please tell me why the leaders are standing for discussion?”

Pg 32 Walker: A man needs a woman to back him up

And then he undermines his wife

50 cents is huge to Chris Serak

Pg 51 Benny is frustrated, declares that she does not accept God

Walter does not care about family's wants, obsessed with his liquor store

Pg 45-46 God didn't see fit to give black folk dreams, by the gave them children

A portrayal of Walter Sr. as a wise man

Pg 45 Loss of a child is the worst thing possible

Pg 75 Mama wants Walter to oppose Ruth's planned abortion

Pg 61 Asagi gives Benny Nigerian dress

Pg 63, 81 “Assimilation” vs “non-assimilation”

Pg 65 Asagi names Benny “One for whom Bread (food) is not enough”

Pg 42 No one can be a in business until they start doing business

Pg 108 Walter wants grand things for Travis

Pg 40 Mama always in “Mama” mode, even for her grandchild

Pg 64 African Americans don't know much about Africa, but help by charitable donations

Pg 74 Walter vs Mama and Ruth: Walter wants money and opportunities that whites have

Pg 119 Confrontation w/Lindner, throws Lindner out

Pg 74 struggle of African Americans over generations

Discussion

Why the title?

Raisins explode in the sun

Are dreams like raisins?

Everyone has dreams, but racism hinders them, but dreams survive

Are dreams obtainable?

One has to be realistic and have an understanding of oneself

Trix Rabbitt, did he have a dream?

How does family help you obtain your dreams?

Walter and family support

You cant dream at the expense of your family

Assimilation “ism”

Asagai – Pro

George – Con

Call for a balance

Benny fights for both, finds equality

Melting pot versus the concept of Caesar salad (or Trix cereal)

Maybe one should do what one believes in, not an issue of right or wrong

Is Asagai betraying his people by retreating back to Africa?

Will Benethea go to Africa?

No

Asagai finds ambition sexy
Walter's change in attitude
Mrs. Johnson
The person to cut down the family, squash their dream
Family comes together as one
Realization of what is important