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A Raisin in the Sun

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Pg 38

Walter would not fit in to modern city. He tries and is sometimes excessive in trying to be the man of the house.

Walter's sour mood is due to the family's desperation for money.

Class discussion over Walter changed by story's end: general consensus that his refusal of the money at the end indicates Walter is finally changing with the times may indicate that he does.

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African Americans at this time are very religious. Beneatha's criticism of god should be taken as a significant shock as a result. Mama still places God at the head of the house.

This conversation could be reminiscent of modern day mother-child interaction. Minor discussion that slavery has caused a surge in faith in God for hope that their situation and the plight of the African Americans will be alleviated.

Pg 74

Walter is depressed about pregnancy and leaves. Walter is blinded by pursuit of money to accept responsibility for the situation. He is detached from his family throughout the story because of their struggles for money. Ruth's abortion is premature to its use in history. Is Ruth's threat of abortion real?

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Separation of thoughts from education. Part of education still requires the act of thinking. Mechanical thinking can only get a person so far, thinking may be the opportunity to build upon the pool of knowledge we receive from education.

Pg 103

We're able to witness the progression from Washington's outlook to Dubois's plan. The movement has been caused by the success of fellow African Americans.

Pg 108

Is it responsible to tell a child that he will be successful when they are impressionable?
"shoot higher for ambitions"