

Raisin in the Sun Play Analysis

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The play a Raisin in the Sun is a play about a black family that stay in the poverty of South Chicago. The play picks up right after the death of father, and the family is about to receive a ten-thousand-dollar life insurance check. During the 1950's that is a lot and is more than enough money to help you get onto your feet. Even acquiring this much money during this time still made it hard to do anything if your black because racial discrimination was still very much a problem. The conflict seems to come in at the very beginning of the play when the check arrives, and all seven characters have their own Idea what to do with the money.

Throughout the play money is not he main problem even though that how it seems. The more you get into the can see the true problem the author is trying to show with young pregnancy and racial discrimination and wanting the American dream. Mama was trying to buy a house for the family, but Beneatha was not having she felt like her mama was playing right into the white people hands. Beneatha is only focus on herself and her desire to become a doctor. At the same time Walter wants to open a liquor store so he can not only have the American dream but also provide for his family as man.

Mama goes ahead with her dream she puts a down payment on a house in all white neighborhood for the family to move into. She believes a change of scenery will give everyone a better since of direction. All while Beneatha is going through her own trails and tribulation with her boyfriends and medical school. The white people even offer to pay for the black family to leave the neighborhood but mama is so set on her dream that she turns down the offer even after Walter was scammed out of the rest of the money by his own friend Willy who was supposed to go half with him on the liquor store. But the play still leaves us with a cliff hanger when Beneatha still does not decide if she want to move to Africa with her boyfriend joseph.

The play overall was good and had a very deep meaning showing how divide the world was at the time how even your racist will cross for money. They say money cause a lot of problems and the right amount can cause a whole family to divide in which it did in the play. The play also when you stick together you can overcome anything. Even though the family showed division they eventually came back together and stood strong even when nobody wanted them too. The 1950's was a rough time for the back community even up north in South Chicago but the younger family showed strength and lived out mamas dream of having a nice and a big yard even though they where not wanted in that neighborhood.