

**Summative assessment – Thematic analysis Essay – Raisin In the Sun**

1. Choose one of the following topic and write a 5-6 paragraph essay.

Examine the play "Raisin in the Sun" and discuss ways in which **cultural, physical, or geographical** surroundings shape **psychological or moral traits** in any of the **characters**. Then write a well-organized essay in which you analyze how surroundings affect this character and illuminate the meaning of the work as a whole.

2. A **symbol** is an object, action, or event that represents something or that creates a range of associations beyond itself. In literary works a symbol can express an idea, clarify meaning, or enlarge literal meaning. In the play, Raisin In the Sun, focus on one symbol, write an essay analyzing how that symbol functions in the work and what it reveals about the characters or themes of the work as a whole. Do not merely summarize the plot.
3. Works of literature often depict acts of **betrayal**. Friends and even family may betray a protagonist; main characters may likewise be guilty of treachery or may betray their own values. How is betrayal illustrated in the play Raisin in the Sun? Then, in a well-written essay, analyze the nature of the betrayal and show how it contributes to the meaning of the work as a whole.
4. Many works of literature deal with **political or social issues**. How does the play Raisin In the Sun focus on a political or social issue. Then write an essay in which you analyze how the author uses literary elements to explore this issue and explain how the issue contributes to the meaning of the work as a whole. Do not merely summarize the plot.
5. Discuss how one of the characters in Raisin In the Sun helps develop the **theme** of **dreams**. Use textual support to illustrate the character's personality traits and explain how these traits affect his/her dreams or the dreams of others around him.

Strong thesis

2-3 textual evidence in each paragraph

Explaining each one

Show where it is found

Support the thesis

Conclusion (put in the readers mind)