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Discussion Questions for *A Raisin in the Sun*--Act 1 Scene 1

Answer the questions using complete sentences. Use the reverse if necessary.

1. What does the opening description of the Younger family's apartment say about them?

2. What do we know about each of the characters so far? How do they differ?

3. How would you describe Walter and Ruth's relationship so far? What circumstances impact their relationship?

4. What significance does the check hold for the family?

5. Should Walter be entitled to some of the insurance money? Why or why not?

6. Who is the decision maker of the family so far?

7. What is Beneatha's attitude towards God? Why is her attitude significant?

8. Why does Beneatha say she won't marry George?

9. What do you make of Ruth's statement: "Shallow? What do you mean [George is] shallow? He's RICH!"

10. Explain the significance of Ruth saying, "Eat your eggs, they gonna be cold."
