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**Discussion Questions for *A Raisin in the Sun*--Act 1 Scene 2**

Answer the questions using complete sentences and textual support if appropriate. Use the reverse if necessary.

1. During what day of the week does Scene 2 take place? Why is this significant? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What do you think of Mama saying, "I never met no African before"? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What does Beneatha mean by saying that her family is suffering from "acute ghetto-itis"?

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4. What does "Alaiyo" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Why is Asagai's nickname for Beneatha appropriate? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What does Joseph bring for Beneatha? Why are they significant? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What does Joseph Asagai say about Beneatha's hair? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Who in the Younger family might be considered an assimilationist? In what ways?

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9. What impact does the arrival of the check have on Walter?

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10. Was Walter's behavior justified towards the end of Scene 2?

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11. Mama says to Walter: "Something eating you up like a crazy man. Something more than me not giving you this money. The past few years I been watching it happen to you. You get all nervous acting and kind of wild in the eyes—". What's eating Walter?

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12. Mama tells Walter, "You are a disgrace to your father's memory." Why does she say this?

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