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

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

1. Why is it significant that George enters the scene while Walter and Beneatha playfully enact African characters?

2. How are Walter and George different?

3. How are Joseph and George different?

4. How does George respond to Walter's desire to talk "plans"?

5. Why does Walter say, "Bitter? Man, I'm a volcano. Bitter? Here I am a giant – surrounded by ants!"? What does he mean by this exclamation?

6. Why does George call Walter "Prometheus"? What does this statement demonstrate?

7. Walter says that African Americans "don't know how to do nothing but moan, pray and have babies!" What character(s) in the play have challenged this stereotype?

8. Is it fair for Walter to say that Mama "bashed his dreams" at the end of Scene 1?

9. George says he wants a "simple...sophisticated girl". What does he mean by that?

10. How do George and Beneatha's views about education differ?
