The Main Character in "A Raisin in the Sun"
by R BEHARI - 3 Apr 2017 @ 13:16

Look at Activity 2 in your Study Guide.

The feedback from this activity seems to suggest that Mama Younger is the central/main character in the play. Do you agree with this? Use the feedback on activity 2 to discuss this. What do you think?

Re: The Main Character in "A Raisin in the Sun"
by L ERNST - 7 Apr 2017 @ 13:23

Mama is the one who will be receiving the check, the much awaited check. It is for her to decide what happens with the money. Her attitude clearly indicates that she is not in support of Walter Lee's business idea of using the money to open a liquor store.
Re: The Main Character in "A Raisin in the Sun"
by A STOFFBERG - 8 Apr 2017 @ 19:45

Mama is the matriarch of the family, and although not always present, the play centres around her, and her decisions. All the family members are dependant on her for something, even Travis. She is the focal point of the family, so in my opinion, yes, she is the central/main character of the play.

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Re: The Main Character in "A Raisin in the Sun"
by R BEHARI - 10 Apr 2017 @ 19:02

Yes, I think so too. Do you think this adds to the feminist aspect of the play?

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Re: The Main Character in "A Raisin in the Sun"
by A STOFFBERG - 12 Apr 2017 @ 17:49

Many resources say that Walter is in fact the main character, and I think that that contributes to the feminist aspect, like a women can not be the main part of a play!

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Re: The Main Character in "A Raisin in the Sun"
by C CHIGWESHE - 6 May 2017 @ 13:12

I was thinking of one thing that fascinates me. Mama refuses to support Walter's venture to invest in the liquor business. I also believe that experience is the best teacher. Mama had a foresight or sixth sense maybe which told her it would not work hence her refusal. She may have been a good judge of character and making quick money. Its funny the way it pens out that Walter loses the 6500. Imagine if he had been given the whole 10 000 dollar check.

Mark entire discussion as read
Read the statement below and answer the question that follows.

The women in *Seven Steps to Heaven* are largely presented as stereotypes and serve only to provide emotional support and sexual gratification to the male characters.

With reference to three female characters in the novel discuss the validity of the above assertion.