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Assignment 02, question 1
by Y COETZEE 25 Aug 2017 @ 12:53

Analysing Assignment 02, question 01
A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry

"The insurance money for mama's husband's life insurance seems to have made the Youngers aware of their poverty and the need for them to improve their situation (dreaming). In a carefully worded essay, discuss how each member of the Younger family wanted the money to be used." (Tutorial Letter 101/03/2017:16)

This assignment question is quite general, which gives you some freedom to zoom in on your own topic related to the inherited insurance money and the dreams of the family members.

Some discussion points: The word "poverty" indicates the theme of class, which you can incorporate in the discussion. Another theme related to the sense of poverty in the play is racial discrimination in the America of the time, since discrimination resulted in most African American families only having access to poorly paid jobs. The question also specifies the idea of dreaming, therefore, you could discuss the notion of having dreams with limited resources.

It would be good to research the structure of a play and become familiar with the conventions of play writing in order to know how to use the structure and writing techniques in the discussion. Some of the tutorials for A Raisin in the Sun will touch on the elements of a play. A resource will be added named "Reading Plays" to get you started with play structure.

If you have any questions about question 1 of Assignment 02, you can post them below.

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Re: Assignment 02, question 1
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Hi

Do we have to discuss each character on a new paragraph?

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