

We are going to read the play, *A Raisin in the Sun*. The following statements will give you some insight into many of the themes present in the play. Read each statement and rate your response on a scale of 1 to 5, using the following scale, then provide a short reasoning:

1 – Strongly agree

2 – Agree

3 – Do not agree or disagree

4 – Disagree

5 – Strongly disagree

1. You should hold onto your dreams; if you work hard enough for them, they will come true.
2. Neighbors have the right to decide what kind of community they want to have – including who lives in that neighborhood.
3. You can't put a price on self-respect; I would not trade my dignity just to make life easier.
4. Most people don't try hard enough to see the other people's problems.
5. I see the effects of racism and other forms of prejudice in my everyday life.
6. If I were to move to a new school with a very different culture, I would try to fit in, even if it meant changing my appearance, music preferences, or speech patterns to feel more comfortable.

7. Thinking of your ancestors and cultural heritage is a waste of time. It doesn't make a difference where my ancestors came from, it only matters where I am now.

8. Hopes and dreams can make you miserable; it is better to accept your life as is and just try to make the best of it.

9. When someone insults you, it's best to "turn the other cheek."

10. Based on the above statements, make three predictions about what you think will happen in the play.