

A Raisin in the Sun -- Anticipation Guide

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 1-2 sentence reasoning to explain your response:

- 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.
Reasoning:

_____2. Once children are grown, their parents are no longer responsible to provide them with money and housing.
Reasoning:

_____3. We should think of the United States as a “melting pot” in which people from many cultures leave their differences behind and only follow “American” customs and traditions.
Reasoning:

_____4. Neighbors have the right to decide what kind of community they want to have—including who lives in that neighborhood.
Reasoning:

_____5. A parent and child often disagree about the way the child should live his/her life.
Reasoning:

_____6. Most people don’t try hard enough to see the other fellow’s problem.
Reasoning:

_____7. When someone insults you, it is best to “turn the other cheek.”
Reasoning:

_____8. It is the man's responsibility to provide monetarily for the family.

Reasoning:

_____9. If a man is unable to provide monetarily for his family, he is less of a man.

Reasoning:

_____10. In a family, it is the woman's responsibility to care for the children and keep the home in order (cook, clean, etc.).

Reasoning:

_____11. Females should never aspire to be in high power, high stress careers (medicine, law, etc.).

Reasoning:

_____12. Society dictates gender roles (examples: "women's work," male head of household, etc.) and there's nothing we can do to change them.

Reasoning:

_____13. In order for society to function, there has to be a "food chain": someone has to be on the top, some people have to be in the middle and some people have to be at the bottom.

Reasoning:

_____14. If a ship begins to sink and there is one lifeboat with 15 seats, but there are 30 people above the ship and only food for 10, you still save everyone.

Reasoning:

When you have finished answering #1-14 and providing a short reason for each, choose ONE about which to write a more developed response – at least one handwritten page. Fully explain your reasoning with examples, details, logic, and your best persuasive language.