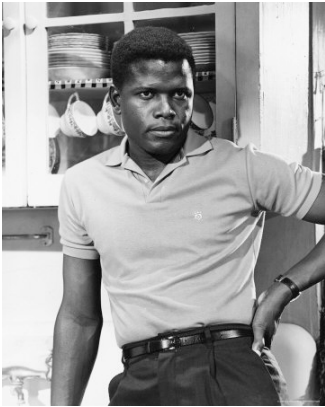


Raisin in the Sun Character Traits

Name: _____

We're going to start brainstorming for a poster that is going to become a wealth of resources for your first essay. Everything is about character, and how characters can help us explore wider themes. But first, the brainstorming!

1. Please write a list of 8-10 words that come to mind when you think about each of these characters.



Walter



Beneatha



Mama



Ruth

2. What do you think are the key influences on each of these characters' personalities? What makes them who they are? What do they want?

3. Which character interests you the most, and why?

4. Get into a group with 3-4 other people who have chosen the same "most interesting character."

- Get a poster paper and some markers/crayons.
- Draw the outline of a person on the poster paper - leave room around the outside of the person!
- Fold up the bottom 2 feet of the poster so you can't see it.

5. Discuss in your group your ideas above, and the quotes you've been gathering about your character's dreams and ambitions.

6. Write inside the body the key traits and quotes by your character.

7. Write outside the body the major influences, quotes by others and passages from the text about your character.

Everyone should share responsibility for adding quotes, drawing, and finally, presenting!

Your final poster should include at least 5 quotes about or by your character. You will be adding to this poster at a later date as well. The goal is to give a good overall picture of this character, who they are, what they want, and what has influenced their personality.

Please write your group members' names here: