Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion Question Starters**

(For when you are stuck or need clarification from a partner):

* Tell me more about that.
* What about the reading made you think that \_\_\_?
* Convince us that \_\_.
* What would you say to someone who thought \_\_\_?
* How would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ handle a situation like \_\_\_?
* So, this leads to you to what conclusions?
* How is your answer different or the same from others?
* What did you discover?
* Could you tell me more about why \_\_\_?
* Let me explain why I see that differently.
* Have you considered \_\_\_?
* What we both agree on is \_\_\_.

*A Raisin in the Sun* DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Partner: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Reread Langston Hughes’ poem in the beginning of the book. How does the play illustrate the theme of the poem?

Partner: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How is Beneatha different from other Younger family members?

Partner: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How does Walter change from the beginning of the play?

Partner: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think Mama changes her mind and gives Walter the insurance money?

Partner: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why is Mama’s little plant so important to her? What does she mean when she says “It expresses ME”?

Partner: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What does the new house signify to each of the Youngers?

Partner: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The play was written and produced over 40 years ago. To what extent do you think that conflicts  
and issues presented in the play are still relevant?

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**ONE-MINUTE PAPER:** Please take one minute to summarize the biggest takeaway from your discussion or the insight that stood out to you. This will serve as today’s “exit ticket.”

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