

Title Analysis “A Raisin in the Sun”

Picture a raisin and a grape. Which one has more life in it? Which one has the possibility to change? If each is symbolic of a dream, describe what dream the grape could represent.

Describe what dream the raisin could represent.

Think about the title: “A Raisin in the Sun.” Substitute the word “dream” for the word “raisin.” What happened to the dream? Why did it happen?

**The title of the play came from a celebrated poem by Langston Hughes, “A Dream Deferred.”
Read the poem and answer the questions that follow.**

What happens to a dream deferred?
Does it dry up
like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore--
And then run?
Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over--
like a syrupy sweet?
Maybe it just sags
like a heavy load.
Or does it explode?

Find 3 synonyms for the word deferred.

According to the speaker in the poem, what are the possible consequences for an unfulfilled dream?

Predict what you think will happen to the Younger family’s dreams based on the title.

Discuss your biggest dream. Explain how you would change if that dream went unrealized.

Appendix #17c