***A Raisin in the Sun***

**Guiding Questions Scene 3**

* *As you watch the film, think about these questions. They’ll help you to consider ideas that will be useful in writing your synthesis essay.*
* *I’ve split the film up into four roughly 30-minute scenes, and I’ve put time markers on this sheet so you can see what parts the questions are focused on.*
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**:59.29- 1:07.00**

1. George and Beneatha argue about “heritage.” How does this argument reveal a difference in worldview between Beneatha and George?

2. In the last scene, Beneatha took offense when Asagai suggested she might be an “assimilationist” (meaning someone who was willing to give up parts of their own identity--say black identity--to fit into a larger, more dominant group in society--say white society). How does George show that he might be an assimilationist in this scene?

**1:12.30-1:17.42**

3. Why is Walter angry that Lena has bought a house? Why is Ruth happy? What underlying conflicts does this house-buying build on?

4. What is the problem with the house being in Clybourne Park? Why did Lena buy it despite that problem?

**1:17.42-1:27.03**

5. Why is Ruth seriously considering an abortion? (When she goes to the beauty parlor, she is going there to have an abortion--this is because abortions were illegal in 1951)

6. Lena goes to find Walter. When they have their conversation in the coffee shop, what does Lena tell Walter to do with the money?

7. This scene cuts back and forth between Ruth (dealing with whether or not to have an abortion) and Lena (dealing with Walter). Both women change their minds, and this intercutting of scenes shows the parallels in their decisions. What does each woman change her mind about?

8. Walter wants the money--but he ALSO wants something more fundamental from his mother. What is this more fundamental thing that he wants and gets?

**1:27.03-1:30.15**

9. How does the filmmaker show the change in mood here?

10. George is the absolute worst--what does he do here that shows he’s the worst?