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Jean Schumaker

**Raisin in the Sun**

**Lorraine Hansberry**

STORY

AUTHOR

**The family resolves to move into the new house and leave the urban ghetto.**

**Message: Don't invest in frivolous dreams.**

ENDING / RESOLUTION

BEGINNING

**Lena receives $10,000 for life insurance.**

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**Walter becomes depressed and stops going to work.**

**Lena decides to give Walter the rest of the money.**

Crisis

Decision

**How to spend $10,000 in Life Insurance.**

**Lena spends some of the money on a down payment for a house.**

**Walter wants to invest in a liquor business with Willy.**

**Beneatha wants to go to school**

**Ruth discovers she is pregnant.**

**Poor apartment in Chicago’s Southside.**

Setting

**Lena, Walter, Beneatha, Ruth & Travis Younger, Willy, Karl**

Characters

Climax (turning point)

#### Falling

Action

**Rising**

Action

*PROBLEM*

**Walter “invests” the money in a business deal with a partner, Willy.**

**Willy runs off with the money.**

**Walter wants to sell the house to Karl.**

**The rest of the family wants to move out of the ghetto.**