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**Requirements**

\_\_\_\_\_ / 5 Times New Roman or Calibri, 12 pt. font, double-spaced, one-inch margins

Proper heading / MLA Style

3-4 pages

**Content / Organization**

\_\_\_\_\_ / 5 **Introduction Paragraph**

Provides an attention-getter (hook)

Provides a brief summary of A Raisin in the Sun

Starts with a general, large idea and transitions to the thesis

\_\_\_\_\_ / 5 **Thesis**

Clearly identifies direction for essay; provides focus for three body paragraphs

\_\_\_\_\_ / 10 **3** **Body Paragraphs**

Paragraphs have topic sentences AND transitions

Each paragraph focuses on one topic

Text evidence is included from the play (minimum of 2 per paragraph)

[Paragraphs](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/general/gl_pgrph2.html) are fully developed, focused, unified, and coherent.

\_\_\_\_\_ / 10 **Conclusion Paragraph**

Restates the thesis without repeating it word for word

Starts specific and ends with general, larger implications

Contains a strong final statement—clincher—that leaves a lasting impression on reader

\_\_\_\_\_ / 10 **Conventions**

Punctuation / capitalization correct

Spelling correct: Proofread!!

\_\_\_\_\_ / 5 **Sentence fluency**

Uses mature, well-developed sentences

Provides varied transitions between ideas

Avoids fragments, run-ons and comma splices

\_\_\_\_\_ / 50 **Total Essay Score \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\*Must turn in this rubric with the essay\***