

## Hansberry, Lorraine: 1930–1965

### A Raisin in the Sun, 1959 – Characters

#### Main Characters

**Walter Lee Younger:** The protagonist, a chauffeur.

**Lena Younger (Mama):** The matriarch of the Younger family.

**Ruth Younger:** Walter's wife.

**Beneatha Younger:** Walter's younger sister.

**Travis Younger:** Walter and Ruth's young son.

#### Supporting Characters

**Joseph Asagai:** A Nigerian student who courts Beneatha.

**George Murchison:** A wealthy African-American man interested in Beneatha.

**Karl Lindner:** A representative from the white neighborhood where the Youngers plan to move.

**Bobo:** Walter's business partner in the liquor store plan.

**Willy Harris:** An unseen character who orchestrates the liquor store plan.

**Mrs. Johnson:** The Youngers' neighbor.