Debatable Issues

There are three debatable issues that will guide our classroom argumentation on the New York Drama Critics’ Circle Award winning play *A Raisin in the Sun*.

**Debatable Issue #1**

Independence, autonomy, and self-sufficiency – these related concepts are central to the concerns and the ideas in this play. We will examine in a series of face-offs which of the following characters is the more independent (which will be up to you to define):

- Beneatha or Asagi?
- Walter or Mama?
- Ruth or Travis?
- Murchison or Lindner?

**Debatable Issue #2**

On balance, *A Raisin in the Sun* expresses a more optimistic than pessimistic view of the world.

**Debatable Issue #3**

*A Raisin in the Sun* endorses or embraces assimilation as it exists in American society in its various forms.