

Zamani College Kaduna
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SS2 Literature in English

Selected Texts

1. **The Last Goodman** by Patience Swift
2. **A Raising in the Sun** by Lorraine Hansberry

WEEK ONE: Questions

1. Discuss the subject matter of the two selected texts.
2. Pick three characters of your choice from each text and do an appraisal of each of them.

WEEK 2: Study questions on A Raising in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry

1. The decision between principle and money is a hard decision to make, especially when you're as hard-up as the Youngers. What do you think of their choice?
2. In an earlier version of the script, Hansberry ended the play by showing the Youngers sitting in their new home, armed and awaiting an attack from their white neighbors. Should this scene have been kept in? What's the effect of deleting it? Would the presence of this scene have changed the overall message of the play, or not?

WEEK 3: Study questions on A Raising in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry

1. To what extent are the racial issues addressed in the play still relevant today? In other words, how far have we come in race relations since 1959?
2. What's up with the domestic abuse in the play? Is Mama justified in hitting her kids? Is anyone ever justified in hitting their kids? We sense these questions probably open up huge cans of worms, so we cleverly left this one last.

WEEK 4: POETIC DEVICES

Section A: Match the poetic device on the left to its definition on the right.

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| 1. alliteration | A. the exaggeration of the truth |
| 2. allusion | B. words that sound like a natural sound |
| 3. assonance | C. comparison of two things without using "like" or "as" |
| 4. consonance | D. comparison of two things using "like" or "as" |

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| 5. hyperbole | F. giving human features to an object |
| 6. metaphor | G. repetition of initial consonants |
| 7. onomatopoeia | H. repetition of vowel sounds |
| 8. personification | I. repetition of initial and internal consonants |
| 9. repetition | J. repeated use of the same word |
| 10. simile | K. reference to a famous historical or literary event/person |

Read each of the following extracts. Identify the poetic device being used by the author.

1. I keep your picture in my drawer

Like a painted souvenir of something more.

2. Love is a ship we all hope to steer

Through troubled times

'Cross an ocean of fear.

3. But he grew old

This knight so bold

And o'er his heart a shadow.

4. Continuous as a star that shines

They stretched in a never-ending line.

(Two devices)

**5. A slumber did my spirit seal;
I had no human fears:
She seemed a thing that could not feel
The touch of earthly years.**

(Two devices)

**6. 'Twas at the royal feast, for Persia won
by Philip's war-like son.**

**7. Happy happy happy pair!
None but the brave
None but the brave
None but the brave deserve the fair.**

**8. With blue, uncertain, stumbling buzz
Between the light and me.**

**9. WAKE! For the Hack can scatter into flight
Shakespeare and Dante in a single Night!**

**10. Sudden, sublime, the strong storm spake:
we heard the thunders as hounds that bark.**