*A Raisin in the Sun* Vocabulary

**Note:** Your vocabulary words ARE NOT listed by Act. They are words, however, found or implied throughout all three Acts.

Set I

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| Vindicated | V | Cleared of accusation, blame, or doubt |
| Proposition | N | A suggested plan |
| Vengeance | N | To seek revenge |
| Tentative | Adj | Unsure or uncertain |
| Furtive | Adj | Taken, done, or used by stealth; in a way that hides motive |
| Assimilationism | N | Belief that minorities should be absorbed into a dominant culture |
| Coquettish | Adj | Characteristically flirtatious |
| Arrogant | Adj | Proud; haughty |
| Eccentric | Adj | Deviating from the norm; strange |
| Cliché | N | Trite or overused expression or idea |

Set II

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| Beseech | V | To implore urgently |
| Incredulous | Adj | Disinclined or indisposed to believe; skeptical |
| Ominous | Adj | Portending evil or harm; foreboding or threatening |
| Falter | V | To hesitate or waver in action |
| Stereotype | N | A conception or image held in common by members of a group |
| Precarious | Adj | Exposed to or involving danger |
| Affirmation | N | The assertion that something exists or is true |
| Plunder | V | To rob or loot |
| Wrought | V | Shaped or made |
| Monologue | N | Long speech in a play spoken by one person |

Set III

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| Indictment | N | Any charge or serious accusation or cause of blame |
| Revelation | N | The act of revealing or disclosing |
| Exuberance | N | Unrestrained spirits; enthusiasm  |
| Amiable | Adj | Having or showing pleasant or good-natured qualities |
| Ludicrous | Adj | Causing laughter because of absurdity |
| Plaintive | Adj | Expressing sorrow or melancholy |
| Tyrant | N | A dictator or harsh ruler |
| Forlorn | Adj | Unhappy or miserable |
| Insinuate | V | To suggest or hint slyly |
| Haphazardly | Adv | To do something carelessly |