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In class Friday: 50-point test – multiple choice, passage analysis, and short answer

Know these characters. Be sure you know their role in the plot AND reflect on their characterization. What makes each a complex, compelling, fundamentally *human* character?

Troy Maxson

Rose Maxson

Cory Maxson: their son, wants to play football

Lyons Maxson: Troy’s son from a previous relationship, a musician

Jim Bono, Troy’s coworker and longtime friend

Gabriel Maxson (Gabe), Troy’s brother

Raynell Maxson

To think about:

What do you think of Troy Maxson?

Is he a good man?

What about him makes him a tragic figure?

What are his redeeming qualities?

What is your final evaluation of Troy as a human being?

Explain this quote from Bono, as it relates to the plot and themes of the play: "Some people build fences to keep people out and other people build fences to keep people in.”

Explore the theme of fathers and sons in the play. What do each of these relationships contribute to our understanding of this them?

+ Troy and his own father

+ Troy and Cory

+ Troy and Lyons

Describe Bono’s relationship with Troy.

Rose!!!

Explain this quote, from Rose to Troy, after the birth of his daughter. How does it relate to the larger themes of the play? “You can't visit the sins of the father upon the child.”

What do you think of the final scene between Cory and Rose? What do you make of Rose’s message to Cory? What do you make of this: “And if the Lord see fit to keep up my strength … I'm gonna do her just like your daddy did you . . . I'm gonna give her the best of what's in me.” Do you think this assessment of Troy is correct?