

## Sample Argumentative Multi-Paragraph Outline

**Prompt:** How do race, class, or gender affect the challenges a character faces, and the resilience they show in achieving their dreams? Choose one character from *A Raisin in the Sun* to write about for this task.

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| <p>Claim: Beneatha dreams of becoming a doctor and fights for her dream even though there are very few Black female doctors in society in the 1960s and her brother gives her a hard time for her life choices.</p> |   |
| <p>Reason 1:<br/>Challenges</p>   | <p>Topic Sentence: Beneatha faces pressure from Walter and society to give up her ambition to become a doctor and choose a more traditional path.</p> <p>Supporting Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not many Black female doctors in the 1960s → "Walter says "Ain't many girls who decide— ... to be a doctor." (p. 36)</li><li>• Walter belittles her dreams → Walter tells Beneatha "Who the hell told you you had to be a doctor? If you so crazy 'bout messing 'round with sick people—then go be a nurse like other women—or just get married and be quiet..." (Hansberry, p. 38).</li><li>• George, the man interested in Beneatha thinks her dream of becoming a doctor is silly → "...but first i'm going to be a doctor, and George, for one, still thinks that's pretty funny." (p. 50)</li></ul> |
| <p>Reason 2:<br/>Resilience</p>   | <p>Topic Sentence: Even with these challenges, Beneatha shows resilience by continuing to believe in herself and her future and by working hard in school to achieve that dream.</p> <p>Supporting Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beneatha isn't dissuaded by others' reactions → "...but first i'm going to be a doctor, and George, for one, still thinks that's pretty funny. I couldn't be bothered with that. I am going to be a doctor and everybody around here better understand." (p. 50)</li><li>• Walter and the family are finally proud of her at the end and tell Mr. Linder → "I mean—we are very proud people. And that's my sister over there and she's going to be a doctor—and we are very proud—"</li></ul>   |