

Culture, Identity, and Community

- Racial Discrimination: characters' experiences with racial barriers reflect the systemic racial inequality in 1950s America
- Family Dynamics: complex interpersonal relationships within a family provide insight into universal family struggles

Beliefs, Values, and Education

- Generational Conflict: tension between a father and son & the father's unfulfilled dreams highlights generational misunderstandings and expectations
- Moral Choices and Ethics: characters' decisions raise questions about personal responsibility and ethical behavior

Politics, Power, and Justice

- Economic Inequality: a parent's struggle to provide for their family reflects broader issues of economic disparity and class struggle
- Gender Roles: portrayal of women in the play reflects societal gender norms and expectations and how they impact family dynamics

Art, Creativity, and the Imagination

- Unfulfilled Dreams: a parent's unfulfilled dream symbolizes lost potential and the impact of societal limitations
- Symbolism and Metaphor: literal fence which serves as an ambiguous symbol

Science, Technology, and the Environment (*quite minimal*)

- Urban Development: urban setting can be explored as a reflection of industrialization and its impact on African-American communities
- Human Progress and Limitations: limitations imposed on characters due to societal constraints could be analyzed in the context of human progress and societal evolution