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How does the movie version present a different version of Beneatha from the written text?

1. Think about a movie that you've seen that was based on a book that you have read. What was different about the two versions? Why do you think the movie makers made the changes they did?

2. Text: How does Beneatha feel about Asagai? Give at least **two** details from the text to support your assertion.

3. Take notes about things that are different and similar about the movie and the text. Put at least three details in each column.

Same	Different

Comment [WU]: Today, students will re-read a passage from *A Raisin in the Sun* and compare it to the 1998 Puff Daddy version. The challenge of today's lesson is that we only have 30 minutes; we'll read for 10, watch for 5, and write for 15.

The 1961 version of the movie is almost identical to the script; the Puff Daddy masterpiece takes some liberties – nothing too dramatic, but noticeable.

The most significant difference between the text and the movie is the depiction of Beneatha's feelings for Asagai. Students should recognize that in the movie version, Beneatha is apparently less ambivalent about her relationship with Asagai. Their romance is significantly less complicated in the Hollywood version.

This is our second time with this scene, so students shouldn't struggle to understand what's going on. The greatest challenge may be for students to turn a critical eye towards the movie – to observe it as a sort of "text" rather than simply a form of entertainment.

