

Tracing the Youngers Answer Key

Correct Chronological Order:

1. D. The family receives the \$10,000 life insurance check from Big Walter's death.
2. G. Ruth learns she is pregnant and quietly considers an abortion.
3. C. Beneatha dreams of becoming a doctor and talks with Asagai about her future.
4. A. Walter decides to invest in a liquor store with Willy and Bobo.
5. B. Mama announces she has put a down payment on a house in Clybourne Park.
6. I. Mama gives Walter responsibility for part of the insurance money, telling him to put some in the bank for Beneatha's schooling.
7. E. Lindner visits the Younger family to offer money if they agree not to move into the neighborhood.
8. F. Walter loses the money after Willy runs off with it.
9. H. Walter redeems himself by rejecting Lindner's offer and affirming the family's right to move into their new home.
10. J. The play closes with the Younger family preparing to move into their new home, proud and united.

Explanation:

The timeline highlights the family's ups and downs as they chase their dreams. The conflict rises with financial struggles, temptations, and setbacks, but resolves with Walter's decision to uphold his family's dignity. The sequence reinforces the themes of perseverance, identity, and hope for a better future.