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## History Threads Answer Key

### Sample Completed Chart

Detail from the Work	Cultural/Historical Context	Connection Explained
Beneatha wants to be a doctor	Few women, especially Black women, pursued medicine in the 1950s	Shows ambition against cultural barriers of race and gender
The cramped family apartment	Many Black families faced housing discrimination and overcrowding	Reflects real-life limits caused by segregation and poverty
Emphasis on African identity	Growing Pan-African pride and cultural movements in mid-20th century	Mirrors rising cultural awareness tied to Civil Rights
Gender expectations for Beneatha	Women were expected to marry and support husbands	Beneatha's independence challenges traditional female roles

### Teacher Notes

- **Skill Focus:** Helps students build the ability to **connect literature with history and culture**, a core skill in Author Studies.
- **Scaffolding Tip:** Provide a short timeline of the Civil Rights Movement to help students situate Hansberry's play.
- **Extension:** Ask students to research another author from the 1950s-60s and create their own Cultural Connection chart.