

TIMELINE

# Lorraine Hansberry: Art, Sexuality and Civil Rights



Playwright Lorraine Hansberry is shown, Mar.25, 1959. (Bettman/Corbis Photo)

<b>MAY 19, 1930</b>	Born in Chicago, Illinois
<b>1938</b>	Family moves into previously all-white neighborhood
<b>1948-50</b>	Attended the University of Wisconsin
<b>1950</b>	Relocated to New York City
<b>1950-53</b>	Attended the New School for Social Research
<b>1953</b>	Married Robert Nemiroff
<b>1956</b>	Committed to writing
<b>1957</b>	Joined the Daughters of Bilitis
<b>MARCH 11, 1959</b>	<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i> becomes first play written by an African American to appear in NYC's historic Broadway Theatre District
<b>1962</b>	Divorced
<b>1963</b>	Met with U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy along with other black artists and entertainers active in the civil rights movement
<b>JANUARY 12, 1965</b>	Death from cancer, New York City