

Thank You Ma'am by Langston Hughes

1. What time of night did the incident occur?
 - a) 10 o'clock
 - b) 11 o'clock
 - c) 9 o'clock
 - d) Midnight
2. Why did the boy fall after attempting to snatch the purse?
 - a) The woman pushed him
 - b) The combined weight of the purse and his own body caused him to lose balance
 - c) He tripped over a curb
 - d) Another passerby tackled him
3. What did Mrs. Jones do immediately after the boy fell?
 - a) She ran away
 - b) She kicked him
 - c) She helped him up gently
 - d) She called for help
4. What reason did the boy give for attempting to steal the purse?
 - a) He wanted money for drugs
 - b) He was hungry
 - c) He wanted a pair of blue suede shoes
 - d) He didn't give a reason
5. How did Mrs. Jones ultimately respond to the boy's attempted theft?
 - a) She took him to her home and offered him food
 - b) She gave him money for shoes
 - c) She left him on the street
 - d) She took him to the police station
6. How does the story describe the woman's purse?
 - a) Filled with only money and credit cards
 - b) Large with everything in it but hammer and nails
 - c) Made of expensive leather
 - d) Small and lightweight

7. What did Mrs. Jones do when she got the boy to her home?
- She locked him in a closet
 - She immediately called the police
 - She gave him money and sent him away
 - She made him wash his face
8. How old did the boy appear to be?
- 14-15 years old
 - 16-18 years old
 - 8-10 years old
 - 11-13 years old
9. What was the boy's name?
- Michael
 - Roger
 - The story doesn't mention his name
 - Tommy
10. How did Mrs. Jones describe what she would do if the boy were her son?
- She would make him get a job
 - She would punish him severely
 - She would send him to boarding school
 - She would teach him right from wrong
11. What did the boy say when Mrs. Jones asked if he was ashamed of himself?
- "I don't care"
 - "No, ma'am"
 - "Yes'm"
 - He didn't respond
12. What did Mrs. Jones say about the boy's face?
- It was bruised
 - It was clean
 - It was dirty
 - It was pale

13. How did Mrs. Jones physically handle the boy when taking him to her home?
- a) She dragged him by his shirt front
 - b) She carried him over her shoulder
 - c) She held his hand gently
 - d) She pushed him from behind
14. What was the boy wearing?
- a) Tennis shoes and blue jeans
 - b) Pajamas
 - c) A suit and tie
 - d) A school uniform
15. How did the boy describe his home situation?
- a) He said there was nobody home at his house
 - b) He lived with his grandmother
 - c) He lived with both parents
 - d) He didn't mention his home situation
16. What did Mrs. Jones say about taking the boy to jail?
- a) She never mentioned taking him to jail
 - b) She said she wouldn't take him anywhere with his face dirty
 - c) She was going to take him immediately
 - d) She would take him in the morning
17. What was Mrs. Jones planning to do before the incident occurred?
- a) Go home to cook a meal
 - b) Go shopping
 - c) Go to work
 - d) Visit a friend
18. How did the other roomers in Mrs. Jones' house react to the situation?
- a) They called the police
 - b) They came out to help Mrs. Jones
 - c) They were completely silent
 - d) They were laughing and talking, seemingly unaware

19. What did Mrs. Jones say about the boy's attempt to steal her purse?

- a) She believed he did it because he was hungry
- b) She thought he was a habitual criminal
- c) She assumed he was doing it for fun
- d) She didn't speculate on his motives

20. What was Mrs. Jones' full name as mentioned in the story?

- a) Mrs. Washington Jones
- b) Luella Washington Jones
- c) Luella Bates Washington Jones
- d) Luella Bates Washington