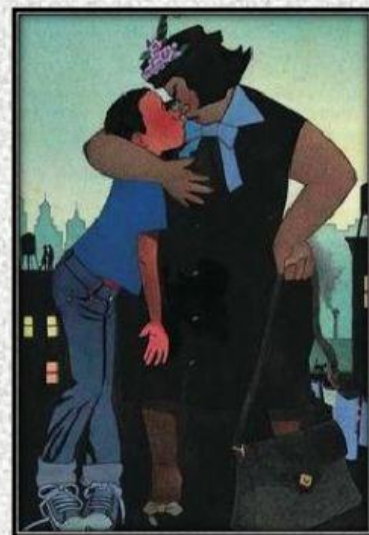


Resolving conflict

Thank You, Ma'am

by Langston Hughes



Read the story by Langston Hughes [HERE](#). You can use the audio version [HERE](#) to support your understanding.

Answer the following questions.

While reading...

Write the correct LETTER in the box.

1. At the beginning of the story, a young boy tries to...
 - a. grab some food from a sidewalk vendor
 - b. rob a bank
 - c. steal a pair of sneakers
 - d. steal a woman's purse
2. What does Mrs. Jones do to the boy?
 - a. take him back to her house.
 - b. report him to the police
 - c. call his mother
 - d. tie him up
3. Why does the boy try to steal?
 - a. He wants to buy some candy
 - b. He wants to buy some shoes
 - c. He lost his wallet
 - d. He wants to buy a gift for his mother
4. Why does the woman invite the boy for dinner?
 - a. She feels sorry for him
 - b. He looks hungry
 - c. She senses that he didn't have a supportive, loving family
 - d. She is lonely
5. Why doesn't the boy run when the woman goes behind the screen?
 - a. He has nowhere to go.
 - b. He wants her to trust him.
 - c. He is hungry.
 - d. He is afraid she will chase him.
6. The boy offers to...
 - a. go shopping for the woman
 - b. clean her house
 - c. cook dinner
 - d. wash the dishes

7. The woman tells the boy not to steal because...
- a. he might get caught and sent to jail
 - b. he should feel guilty about taking from others
 - c. buying something with stolen money will "burn his feet"
 - d. she will give him whatever he needs
8. At the end of the story, the boy...
- a. kisses the woman
 - b. promises to write
 - c. says "thank you"
 - d. shows the woman a picture of his cat

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After reading...

There are three conflicts in this story. Identify the resolution to each conflict. Then, think about the approach the characters took to solve them. Justify your answer.

1. Man vs Society <i>Roger comes from an underprivileged community and feels that he must resort to crime.</i>	2. Man vs Man <i>This conflict involves Roger and Mrs. Jones when he attempts to steal her purse. Roger fails to steal Mrs. Jones's purse.</i>	3. Man vs Self <i>This conflict occurs when Roger is deciding to flee or stay at Mrs. Jones's home.</i>
Resolution:	Resolution:	Resolution:
Approach:	Approach:	Approach:
Justification:	Justification:	Justification: