

Thank You Ma'am / Langston Hughes

LOTS

1. Jones (-) (6 points)
 1. Lives with her family
 2. Has known Roger for many years
 3. Never goes out at night
 4. Works in a beauty shop
2. At first, Roger is afraid of Mrs. Jones because (-) (6 points)
 1. She lies to him
 2. She hold on to him tightly
 3. She is a stranger
 4. She wants to call his parents
3. Why doesn't Mrs. Jones ask Roger to tell about his life? (6 points)

4. How does Mrs. Jones show Roger she trusts him? Give ONE way. (6 points)

HOTS

1. At the beginning of the story, Mrs. Jones is aggressive towards Roger and then she changes her behavior. Why do you think she behaves differently? Give information from the story to support your answer.

1. Compare and contrast Roger's behavior towards Mrs. Jones at the beginning and at the end of the story. Give information from the story to support your answer. (7 points)

2. How do you think Roger feels when Mrs. Jones gives him money for the blue suede shoes? Give information from the story to support your answer. (8 points)

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1. At the beginning of the story, Roger tries to (-).(7 points)

1. talk to Mrs. Jones
2. steal Mrs. Jones' bag
3. push Mrs. Jones down
4. help Mrs. Jones

2. What do we know about Roger's life? (7 points)

3. When Mrs. Jones takes Roger to her house, she (-).(7 points)

1. gives him a pair of shoes
2. calls the police
3. gives him a meal
4. tells him to fix her purse

4. Why do you think the story is called "Thank you, Ma'am"? Give information from the story to support your answer. (10 points)

HOTS

1. Jones tells Roger, "I have done things, too, which I would not tell you, son... Everybody's got something in common"? How does this quote change our opinion of Mrs. Jones? Give information from the story to support your answer. (15 points)

1. "When they were finished eating, she got up and said, 'Now, here, take this ten dollars and buy yourself some blue suede shoes.' "Why do you think she did this? (7 points)

2. "The woman did not watch the boy to see if he was going to run now..." What effect did this have on Roger? Give information from the story to support your answer. (8 points)

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1. Why does Mrs. Jones tell Roger that "I were young once and I wanted things I could not get"? (6 points)

1. She wants to show him that she is special.
2. She wants to tell him she also did bad things.
3. She wants to buy him blue suede shoes.
4. She wants him to feel sorry for her.

2. After Roger says, "There's nobody home at my house," Mrs. Jones (-).(6 points)

1. invites him to stay with her
2. gives him supper
3. calls the police
4. talks to his parents

3. "Roger looked at the door - looked at the woman - looked at the door - and went to the sink." What is Roger afraid of (6 points)

4. When Roger heard other people in the house he knew that "he and the woman were not alone." Why is this important for Roger? Give ONE answer. (10 points)

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1. Explain why Mrs. Jones says to Roger, "But you put yourself in contact with me... If you think that that contact is not going to last awhile, you got another thought coming."

1. At the end of the story Roger thinks to himself, "... he did not want to be mistrusted now." How has his attitude changed during the story? ANSWER: (7 points)

2. How has Mrs. Jones caused this change in Roger? (8 points)

LOTS

1. What happened when Roger tried to steal Mrs. Jones' pocketbook? (6 points)

1. Roger managed to escape with the pocketbook
2. Jones ran away with the pocketbook.
3. Roger fell on the ground and Mrs. Jones kicked him.
4. Jones fell down and dropped her pocketbook.

2. How does Roger get to Mrs. Jones' home? (6 points)

3. What is the first thing that Roger is worried about when he gets to Mrs. Jones' home? (6 points)

HOTS

1. "When I get through with you, sir, you are going to remember Mrs. Luella Bates Washington Jones."

Why is it important for Roger to remember his meeting with Mrs. Jones?

1. "'There's nobody home at my house,' said the boy." What can you understand about Roger's life from this statement? Give information from the story to support your answer. (7 points)

2. What do you think motivates Mrs. Jones to make Roger feel at home in her house? (8 points)

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1. Why did Roger want to steal Mrs. Jones' pocketbook? (6 points)

1. His family needed money.
2. He wanted to buy something
3. He was looking for trouble.
4. He wanted the key to her house.

2. COMPLETE THE SENTENCE. Why did Mrs. Jones take the boy home? (6 points) She wanted to

3. What did Mrs. Jones tell Roger about herself? (6 points)

1. She told him about (-).her job
2. her children
3. her parents
4. her friends

4. "... shoes got by devilish ways will burn your feet." What did Mrs. Jones mean by this (10 points)

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- At the end of the story "The boy wanted to say something else other than, 'Thank you, M'am,' to Mrs. Luella Bates Washington Jones, but... he couldn't even say that." What else besides "thank you" do you think Roger wanted to say to Mrs. Jones? Explain.

1. While he was washing his face in Mrs. Jones' room Roger realized: "The door was open. He could make a dash for it down the hall. He could run, run, run, run!" Why doesn't Roger run away? (7 points)

2. How do you think the day with Mrs. Jones will change Roger. (8 points)
