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

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7. What did Mrs. Jones do when she got the boy to her home?
   a) She locked him in a closet
   b) She immediately called the police
   c) She gave him money and sent him away
   d) She made him wash his face

8. How old did the boy appear to be?
   a) 14-15 years old
   b) 16-18 years old
   c) 8-10 years old
   d) 11-13 years old

9. What was the boy's name?
   a) Michael
   b) Roger
   c) The story doesn't mention his name
   d) Tommy

10. How did Mrs. Jones describe what she would do if the boy were her son?
   a) She would make him get a job
   b) She would punish him severely
   c) She would send him to boarding school
   d) She would teach him right from wrong

11. What did the boy say when Mrs. Jones asked if he was ashamed of himself?
   a) "I don't care"
   b) "No, ma'am"
   c) "Yes'm"
   d) He didn't respond

12. What did Mrs. Jones say about the boy's face?
   a) It was bruised
   b) It was clean
   c) It was dirty
   d) It was pale

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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

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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

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