

Name _____ Date _____ Period ____

“Thank you, Ma’am” by Langston Hughes

1. What was the woman's name? What was the boy's name?
2. What was the setting of the robbery?
3. What did Roger try to steal?
4. After the robbery, where did Mrs. Jones take Roger?
5. What was Roger planning to buy with Mrs. Jones money?
6. What describes Mrs. Jones house?
7. What did Roger say when he was leaving Mrs. Jones'?
8. Why didn't Mrs. Jones call the police?
9. What describes Roger?
10. Why do you think Roger didn't say anything other than "Thank you m'am?"
11. Why do you think Mrs. Jones tries to connect with Roger?
12. Why did she try to take him in instead of throwing him back on the streets?

13. Why didn't she ask Roger many personal questions about his life?

14. Why was she nice enough to give him \$10 for shoes even though he tried to steal it from her?

15. What is the significance of the street corner?

16. Why do you think Langston Hughes would write a story like this?

17. What is the theme of the story?