

“Thank You Ma’am” by Langston Hughes

Text Dependent Questions

1) What was the woman's initial reaction when the boy tried to snatch her purse?

Answer:

2) Mrs. Jones says, "Um-hum! And your face is dirty. I got a great mind to wash your face for you. Ain't you got nobody home to tell you to wash your face?" What clues does the author give us about why Mrs. Jones decided to bring Roger home with her?

Answer:

3) When the woman finally turns Roger loose, the author states, "Roger looked at the door-looked at the woman-looked at the door-*and went to the sink*." Why did the author choose to italicize this part of the text?

Answer:

4) Mrs. Jones says, "Maybe you haven't been to your supper either late as it be. Have you?" What can we infer about Mrs. Jones character based on what she does next?

Answer:

5) Mrs. Jones begins to tell Roger about when she was young. Mrs. Jones shares, "I have done things, too, which I would not tell you, son." What effect does this admission have on Roger? How did it influence his action?

Answer:

6) Mrs. Jones gives Roger money. What motivates Mrs. Jones? What does she expect from him in the future?

Answer:
