**Thank You Ma'm- Review Questions**

Basic Understanding

1. Where does this story take place?
2. Who are the characters?
3. Describe Roger’s physical appearance. (part 2)
4. Describe his behavior.
5. How does Mrs. Jones treat Roger in the beginning? Prove from the text.
6. How does her behavior change?

Analysis and Interpretation

1. What was Mrs. Jones’ problem in the story? How did she solve it?
2. What was Roger’s problem in the story? How did he solve it?
3. Describe TWO of Roger's conflicts in the story. (different kinds of conflict)
4. Do you think Roger made the right decision? Why/why not?
5. Why did Mrs. Jones choose to help Roger instead of calling the police?
6. Why didn’t Roger try to steal Mrs. Jones’ pocketbook again at her home, when he had the chance?
7. What would have happened if Roger had succeeded in stealing Mrs. Jones’ purse?

**ANSWERS**

Basic Understanding

1. The story begins in the street and then takes place in Mrs. Jones's house.
2. Roger- a fifteen year old teen, and Mrs. Jones- a woman.
3. He looked as if he was fourteen-fifteen, frail and willow wild, in tennis shoes and blue jeans.
4. He tries to steal, but he's not so strong.
5. In the beginning Mrs. Jones is very tough to him. "She reached down, picked the boy up by his shirt front, and shook him until his teeth rattled". She doesn’t release him all the way to her house.
6. When she realizes that he's a poor boy she identifies with him. She takes him to her house and she makes him dinner. She gives him money to buy shoes.

Analysis and Interpretation

1. Her problem was that a boy tried to steal her bag. She solved it by taking care of the boy and teaching him how he should behave.
2. Roger's problem was that he needed money to buy shoes. He tried to solve it by stealing Mrs. Jones's bag.
3. Internal conflict- He can run out of Mrs. Jones's house, and he can't decide. "Roger looked at the door, looked at the woman, looked at the door- and went to the sink".

External conflict-When Mrs. Jones doesn’t release him, Roger tries to struggle, but Mrs. Jones defeats him.

1. He didn’t make the right decision to steal- He could have asked for money or get a job. **(Problem solving)**
2. Because she was like Roger in the past and she knew that if she would call the police, it would not help Roger, but make his life worse. **(Problem solving)**
3. Because she trusted him and he didn’t want to be mistrusted. He realized that she cared for him. **(Problem solving)**
4. Maybe he would become a grown-up thief and one day the police would have caught him. **(Prediction)**

**Bridging Text and Context**

“When people care for you and cry for you, they can straighten out your soul.” (Langston Hughes)

**Explain how this quote relates to the story *Thank you Ma’m*. Fill in the sentneces.**

**ANSWER**

According to Langston Hughes, people have the opportunity to make other people better and educate, if they really take care and love others.

In the story Thank you Ma'm, we see that Mrs. Jones decided to take care of Roger and teach him right from wrong,

Instead of calling the police and destroy his life.

This way, she made him realize in a positive way how he should behave.