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“Thank You, M’am” by Langston Hughes

Use lined paper to answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. Who benefitted more from the encounter in this story? Explain your response.
2. Why does Mrs. Jones take Roger home instead of to jail? Cite evidence from the text to support your response.
3. A.) How do you think this encounter changed Roger? B.) How have Roger’s values changed throughout the course of the story? C.) What evidence shows that Roger has changed?
4. What do the two characters have in common?
5. Why didn’t Roger choose to run out of her apartment when he had the chance?
6. Why does Mrs. Jones give Roger the money?
7. At the end of the story, it states that Roger never saw Mrs. Jones again. Why do you think the author made that choice? Would you have made that same choice if you had been the author? Explain your response.
8. **Author’s Craft:** How does the author show us that Mrs. Jones doesn’t have a lot of money? Cite the evidence from the text to support your answer.
9. Why does Mrs. Jones tell Roger, “I have done things, too, which I would tell you , son- neither tell God if he didn’t already know”?
10. **Theme:** The theme of **compassion** is prevalent throughout the story. A.)What is compassion? B.)Give 2 examples from the story where a character shows or receives compassion in the story. C.)Describe what either Roger or Mrs. Jones learns about compassion by the end of the story.
11. **Theme:** what does the author want us, the readers, to understand about compassion in our own lives?
12. **Real-Life Connection:** What are two things you personally do or can do to show compassion to others?
13. **Characterization:**
Using words and actions, the writer creates a sense of who Mrs. Jones and Roger are. What do their words and actions reveal about their true natures?

Roger

Trait #1_____.

- Words that create character:

- Actions that demonstrate this trait:

Trait #2_____.

- Words that create character:

- Actions that demonstrate this trait:

Mrs. Jones

Trait #1_____.

- Words that create character:

- Actions that demonstrate this trait:

Trait #2_____.

- Words that create character:

- Actions that demonstrate this trait: