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*Short Story Unit* Study Guide - 7th Grade

**“Thank You Ma’am”**

Langston Hughes

*Plot Questions*

1. Describe Mrs. Luella Bates Washington Jones.

1. Describe Roger.

1. What is a pocketbook? How do you know this?

1. What is the setting? Use context clues to support your answer. Explain your answer.

*Discussion Questions*

1. Why do you think Mrs. Luella Bates Washington Jones reacts to Roger the way she does?

1. When given the chance, why doesn’t Roger run? Why doesn’t he “not want to be mistrusted now,”?

1. Why do you think Mrs. Jones makes a point of getting Roger to wash his face? Why does she give him food? Why does she tell him about her past? Why does she avoid asking him about his family or background?

*Literary Devices Questions*

1. How does Hughes use diction to develop his story?

1. Who is the protagonist in this story? Explain your answer using examples from the story to support your claim.

1. What is the theme of this story?

1. Draw and label a plot line for this story.