

Prewrite: Have you ever been punished for not following the rules? What was your punishment? Do you think this was an appropriate punishment? Explain why or why not.

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### Summarize and Analyze the Text

Complete the sentences below using information from the story. Then use these completed sentences to help you annotate the story.

1. At the beginning of the story, we learn that Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ was a large \_\_\_\_\_ who carried a \_\_\_\_\_ and that she was \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_ tried to steal the purse.
2. In paragraph 1, the boy's weight and the weight of the purse \_\_\_\_\_. Mrs. Jones turned around and \_\_\_\_\_. Next she \_\_\_\_\_ him up and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In paragraphs 8–10, Mrs. Jones asked the boy if he would \_\_\_\_\_, and he said \_\_\_\_\_. As a result, she did not \_\_\_\_\_.
4. In paragraphs 12–16, Mrs. Jones tells the boy his \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ and that she has a mind \_\_\_\_\_. When she learns the boy has no one at home, she tells him his face \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Once inside her kitchenette, Mrs. Jones tells Roger to \_\_\_\_\_. Then she says she thinks he tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her pocketbook because he was \_\_\_\_\_. That's when Roger tells her \_\_\_\_\_. Mrs. Jones tells him that he didn't need to steal her pocketbook. Instead, he could \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Roger \_\_\_\_\_ know what to think after she said he could have asked her for the money for the \_\_\_\_\_. After he dried his face a second time, he thought he could \_\_\_\_\_. Then, Mrs. Jones told Roger that she was young and \_\_\_\_\_. She also told him that \_\_\_\_\_. Then she fixed the two of them something to eat.
7. In paragraphs 37–41, Roger wanted Mrs. Jones to \_\_\_\_\_. He asked her if she \_\_\_\_\_.

She said she \_\_\_\_\_. Then she and Roger \_\_\_\_\_.

She did not ask Roger \_\_\_\_\_.

Instead, they ate and she \_\_\_\_\_.

8. In paragraphs 43–45, Mrs. Jones \_\_\_\_\_.

Then she led him to the front door and told him \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_. Roger wanted to \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What event brought Roger and Mrs. Luella Bates Washington Jones into contact? What was Mrs. Jones immediate reaction to this event?

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2. Rather than call the police, what does Mrs. Jones do to Roger? How does Roger initially respond?

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3. What does Roger say when Mrs. Jones asks hm why he tried to snatch her pocketbook? What does Mrs. Jones say in response? How do her words affect him?

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4. Based on what happens to Roger and how he acts at the end of the story, what do you think is the theme? Remember, the theme is the main message or life lesson.

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