**“Thank You Ma’am” Questions**

*Directions: To receive credit, you must write complete, thoughtful sentences. The goal for this assignment is for me to gauge your current ability to identify and explain literary elements. It is okay if you aren’t sure, just do the best you can!*

1. Look at the first sentence in the story. Symbolically, what’s interesting about Hughes’ description of Mrs. Jones’ purse?

2. Mrs. Jones is a woman of modest income. Give three pieces of evidence from the text that show the $10 she gives Roger is actually quite a sacrifice.

3. When Roger enters Mrs. Jones’ room, she leaves the door open. Why? Dig deep to give meaning to this element of the scene.

4. Roger’s face is dirty and he washes up at Mrs. Jones’ sink. What point is Hughes trying to make with the extended elements involving Roger’s dirty face and the warm water?

5. Physically describe both Mrs. Jones and Roger. What’s interesting about the contrast? What point might Hughes be trying to make here?

6. Explain how Mrs. Jones fulfills the role of a temporary mother to Roger. Be sure to include evidence from the text to support your answer.