

Lesson 4**Thank You, Ma'am (Langston Hughes)****Q.1: What was the time when the boy tried to snatch the purse of the woman?**

Ans: It was about eleven at night when the boy tried to snatch the purse of the woman.

Q.2: What happened to the boy when he tried to snatch the purse?

Ans: When the boy tried to snatch the purse of the woman, its strap broke with a sudden single tug that the boy gave from behind. The weight of the purse and the weight of the boy combined caused him to lose his balance. The boy lost his balance and fell on his back on the sidewalk and his legs flew up.

Q.3: What was the reaction of the woman?

Ans: The woman simply turned around and kicked the boy right square in his blue jeaned sitter. Then she reached down, picked the boy up by his shirt front, and shook him until his teeth rattled.

Q.4: What was the conduct of the people who saw the incident?

Ans: Two or three people passed, stopped, turned to look, and some stood watching.

Q.5: How did the boy look physically?

Ans: The boy looked as if he were fourteen or fifteen, frail and willow-wild, in tennis shoes and blue jeans.

Q.6: What was the condition of the boy when the woman gave him a few jerks?

Ans: The boy's teeth rattled when the woman gave him a few jerks.

Q.7: Why did the woman ask the boy to wash his face?

Ans: The woman asked the boy to wash his face because his face was dirty.

Q.8: Why didn't the boy run from the house of the woman?

Ans: The boy did not run from the house of the woman because he did not trust the woman not to trust him, and he did not want to be mistrusted.

Q.9: Why did the woman not watch the boy while she was preparing a dish?

Ans: The woman did not watch the boy while preparing a dish because she wanted him to realize that she trusted him.

Q.10: What was the nature of the woman's job?

Ans: The woman worked in a hotel beauty shop that stayed open late. All kinds of women came in and out, blondes, redheads, and Spanish.

Q.11: Why did the boy try to snatch her purse?

Ans: The boy tried to snatch her purse because he needed money to buy some blue suede shoes.

Q. 12: Describe the appearance of Mrs. Luella Bates?

Ans: Mrs. Luella Bates was a large woman with a large purse that had everything in it but a hammer and nails. The purse had a long strap. She carried it slung across her shoulders.

