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Directions: Forgiveness, kindness, and empathy can have a positive impact on a person's life. How does Mrs. Jones's kindness to Roger change him? Explain how he changes by finding evidence of who he was at the beginning of the story, and how he changed over time.

<i>Evidence Quote or paraphrase</i>	<i>Page number</i>	<i>Elaboration / explanation of how this evidence supports ideas or argument</i>
"...a boy ran up behind her and tried to snatch her purse."	1	We are introduced to a boy as he attempts to steal a purse and makes a bad choice.
"'I didn't aim to' says the boy. 'You a lie!' said the woman."	1	Roger tries to deny that he was trying to steal the woman's purse. (Lies- Bad Decision)
"And your face is dirty....Ain't you got nobody home to tell you to wash your face?" "No'm," said the boy.	1	This quote shows Mrs. Jones is showing Roger kindness and generosity, in turn showing Roger he deserves kindness
"He looked back at the door, over to the sink, back at the door, and went to the sink."	2	At the moment that Mrs. Jones lets Roger go, he looks at the door and we know that he considers leaving, but makes a decision to stay. (Good Decision)

Model Paragraph for citing textual evidence to support a claim. (We will do this together).

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Forgiveness, kindness, and empathy have a positive impact on a person's life. In Langston Hughes' "Thank You, Ma'am," the protagonist, Roger, is changed when Mrs. Jones shows him kindness after he attempts to steal her purse. Mrs. Jones shows him kindness when she told him to wash his face. "Then it will get washed this evening," (pg 2) Mrs. Jones said to Roger. This quote shows kindness because Mrs. Jones offers to let him wash his face and cares if he is clean. This interaction changes Roger because he feels like someone finally cares about him. An example of this change is when Roger has the chance to run, but chooses not to.

Quote

(This quote shows...) Explanation of Quote

Concluding Sentence