

Character sketch Roger from “Thank You Ma’am” by Langston Hughes

Trait	Textual evidence	Explanation
Undisciplined	When he ran down the street and snatched the bag. (1)	Nobody ever taught him not to do that and or have any respect for a woman's handbag.
Poor	His face was dirty and he told Ms. Jones that he didn't have money for new shoes. (2)	when Mrs.Jones asked why he did it and she told him to wash his face.
Daring	When he got the courage to run and snatch the handbag. (1)	instead of just asking for money he ran up and planned on stealing the money from the women.
determined	tried to grab Mrs. Jones purse	She is a big woman and he must have really wanted that money so he tried to stand up to her and failed
ungraceful	He fell after trying to steal, and ruined his get away. (1)	He fell in the worst possible situation.
dirty	has dirt on his face (1)	He had nobody at home to clean his face
sneaky	tried to steal Mrs. Jones’ purse (1)	was able to pull down Mrs. Jones’ handbag and then try to run, as if he had done it before.
honest	He told the women that he would run if she let him go (1)	He told her that yes if she let him go he would run
quiet	only spoke when spoken to (2)	He spoke only because Mrs. Jones asked him a question.
fortunate	The woman didn’t call the police, she just brought him home and talked to him. (2)	He wanted to steal her purse to get money to buy shoes, but in the end she gave him money and food so he really made out well.

thoughtless	When he tried to steal her purse he wasn't thinking about her life, he just wanted her money. (1)	She's a large women, he's a small boy and he still tried to steal from this poor woman.
afraid	spoke very little (2)	Mrs. Jones did also look very big.
lucky	was given money by Mrs. Jones (4)	