**Name: INTRODUCTION PARAGRAPH**

**What does an introduction need?**

1. **hook**
2. **bridge –connect your hook to the story adding in author and title.**
3. **Important information about the book**
4. **Thesis: state the theme of your book and what lit elements support the theme.**

**In the introduction below highlight each of the four parts of an introduction.**

“It’s the smallest action, which often creates the largest change” (Ghandi). This idea is explored in Langston Hughes’s famous short story, “Thank You, Ma’am,” as he introduces Mrs. Jones, a forceful, yet understanding working class woman who helps Roger, a trouble teenager, choose a morally correct path. Early in the story, Roger tries unsuccessfully to swipe Mrs. Jones’ purse as she wearily heads home after a long day of work. Instead of calling the police, Mrs. Jones brings the boy home to cook him a meal and, unknown to Roger at the time, change his life. Hughes uses characterization and symbolism to show the theme offering kindness to an undeserving person can have transforming results.

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Cannot be a question!!!

**BRIDGE (BE SURE YOU BRIDGE THE AUTHOR’S NAME AND STORY TITLE TO THE HOOK)**

**SUMMARY**

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Use the prompt to create your thesis statement. State what your ENTIRE is about.