

# UNIT 1 Defining Moments Fiction Connection

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**Thank You, M'am**

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# Speak Your Mind

What makes you trust other people? Should people trust you? Take a minute and answer these questions in your notebook.



# Thank You, M'am

“Thank You M'am” takes place in Harlem during the 1950s. This New York City Community is mostly populated by blacks. When the author lived here, he witnessed the struggle against poverty, crime, and overcrowding. At the time, 250, 000 people lived within 1 square mile. These conditions led to a particular sub-culture that Hughes documented in many of his writing.



# Literary Concepts

**Character** - a fictional construct. A character is the representation of a person in a narrative or dramatic work of art. You listen to what the characters say to each other – and what they don't to formulate an opinion about them.



# Important Details

To not miss important details, readers should develop and apply reading skills such as:

**Making Inferences** Writers don't always provide direct information about their characters. Mostly, they describe what they are doing or saying. You must make your own inferences (educated guesses) about them.

**Making Predictions** Guessing what will happen next will help you remain engaged and understand the narrative better.



Identify three places in the text where a character's words or actions, plus your own ideas, help you make an inference about that character.

Complete this chart as you read:

TEXT CLUE	MY IDEAS	MY INFERENCE
1. Firmly gripped by his shirt front, the boy said, "Yes'm."	This is a respectful way to talk. Roger is not a rude boy. Why, then did he act the way he did?	Although his actions are violent, Roger seems to have manners. His actions seem to be motivated by something other than a violent disposition.
2.		
3.		
4.		

# Assessment

After reading pages 5 - 11 in your book, complete these activities:

1. REFER TO TEXT &
2. REASON WITH TEXT
3. & ANALYZE LITERATURE
  - **Character** - Roger and Mrs. Jones are the characters who bring life to the story "Thank You, M'am." How are they different from each other? What do they have in common? Give examples of how the author makes these characters distinctive.





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