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Change for the Better

Although change is difficult, trying, and often wrought with anxiety, it leads to growth and wisdom and a stronger sense of self. Even more difficult than change that is self-directed, is change that occurs due to an outside force or something out of our control. When circumstances shift, we are forced to make a change in our lives, even if we don't want to. This occurs for the protagonists in "Thank You Ma'am," by Langston Hughes and "Coming Attractions," by Tobias Wolff. Roger and Jean both undergo change throughout the story, because circumstances beyond their control interrupt their current path. While this presents a challenge for both characters, they emerge stronger and wiser on the other side.

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