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"The Jones Family Express"

1. How does the narrator show that he was interested in traveling with Aunt Carolyn?

2. What clues from the story let you know that the narrator was looking forward to the block party?

3. Why did the narrator want to purchase a gift for his aunt?

4. Why does the narrator sneak out of the window in his room?

5. Look at the way that Mr. Perkins speaks. What clues from the text describe his voice?

6. The narrator mentions that Ms. Ruby is from Jamaica. How does the dialogue show that she speaks with an accent?

7. Steven didn't want to let Uncle Charles know exactly how much money he had. Find evidence that supports why Steven feels this way.

8. What do you learn about Aunt Carolyn and Steven from their interactions on this page?

9. Aunt Carolyn states, "this is the best present anyone has ever given me." Based on what we know about Aunt Carolyn, why do you think Steven choose a train themed around his family?

10. Aunt Carolyn reveals a surprise of her own! Steven states, "he could not believe his eyes." What does this tell the reader about how he feels about his gift? Use the text to support your inference.