Responding to Literature

1. At what point in the story did you become aware of the nature of its conflict?

2. a) Did Carole deal with the Nortons effectively?
    b) How else might she have responded?
    c) What effect did Carole's reaction have on the Nortons?

3. If you were on the plane and witnessed this event, would you have intervened? If yes, what would you have done? If no, why not?

Writer's Craft

4. Before the conflict is introduced the author creates a characterization of the Nortons.
   a) Describe the feeling you have towards the Nortons before they reveal their racism.
   b) What author clues lead you to feel this way?

5. The story abruptly ends with Mrs. Norton's comment, "My God, talk about sensitive." Compose a response from Carole's point of view in reply to this remark.

Making Curricular Connections

6. Study Martin Luther King's speech "I have a dream..." delivered during the civil rights march in Washington, D.C., in 1963. Has King's dream come true? Explain using contemporary examples.