

No Gumption

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What is Russell's mother worried about? Be specific with details

What struggle is revealed in the details about the family situation?

Doris has a special skill that Russell doesn't have. What skill does she have?

The setting takes place during The Great Depression, explain with details why Russell's mother wanted him to get motivated and get some gumption.

Do you agree with Baker's mother that Baker has no "gumption"? Why or Why not?