

# How To Teach Inference: Lay the foundation

## Precursor Skills:

- Knowing how to read any book like it is a mystery.
- Viewing reading as a private conversation with the author, asking questions continuously, of the author and self. (generating questions is an essential skill to prepare students for inference).
- Practice in predicting the next page and the whole plot.
- Forming opinions and judgments about reading.
- Identifying connections to self or other text while reading.
- Adjusting and revising interpretations, instead of hanging on to the first one generated.
- Visualizing “scenes” of text vividly, and describing them accurately.

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