Prompts for Inferring

You can infer using a character's dialogue and inner thoughts:

- What do the character's inner thoughts reveal about his or her feelings and/or personality?

- What does dialogue tell you about each character's feelings? About the personality traits of each?

You can infer using characters' actions and interactions:

- Cite an action a character takes and infer the personality trait and/or motivation that it reveals.

- Study two characters' interactions and explain what these reveal about each one.

- What do you learn about a character from the actions he or she has taken?

You can infer using a character's decisions and motivation:

- Why did a character make a key decision?

- Show how an important decision shaped or changed the character's personality.

- What does a character's motivation reveal about his or her personality?

You can infer using settings:

- What information do you learn about a character because of setting?

- How does a specific setting affect a key decision?

- How does setting contribute to a change in a character?

You can infer using conflicts:

- Explain how and why a conflict changes a character's personality.

- What do you learn from the choices a character makes during a conflict?

You can infer using key plot events:

- Choose a key plot event and discuss how it affected a character.

- Consider how one plot event led to several other events.