Inferring

What is inference and what do we use to infer?

* Use **clues** and **prior knowledge** to find out what the author doesn’t tell us
* It is often based on clues about:
* character
* setting
* mood

Why do we infer?

* To deepen our understanding about a text

What makes good inference?

* Justifying our answers with evidence from the text – **because/P.E.E.**
* Using detail – closely quoting the exact word/phrase
* Finding more than one piece of evidence
* Thinking from the writer’s point of view

I think the writer wanted to make the reader feel empathy for this character early on because her role is so important to the story. Using phrases like ‘the hour her life began’ and ‘sum total of her possessions’ encourages the reader to feel sympathetic towards her because they hint at an empty life before.



Your turn:



**Inferring Stems**

* The word \* tells me
* The part \* tells me
* This makes me think that
* I think this **character** **because**
* I think the **setting** is
* I think the **mood** is
* I think the writer’s viewpoint is
* I think this character’s viewpoint is

How was Laura feeling?

Where is this text set?