



Book Inferencing

English, Grades 6-8

Assignment Objectives

- Students will make inferences about a book's plot by judging its cover. This activity is designed to help students make educated guesses based on evidence.
- Paper Live Chat will be utilized for this activity.

Teacher Instructions

- Assign your students a book or let them choose their own.
- Ask students to study all elements of the book cover and fill out the table below.
- After the pre-work is complete, the students will discuss their findings with a Live Chat Tutor.
- After the Tutor has helped them develop their inferences, the students will create a paragraph with their findings.
- After all students have completed the assignment, they can share their paragraphs with the class. The students will then debate the findings.

Ideas for Use in the Classroom

- Activity prior to beginning any whole-class text readings
- Pre-work for a book report
- Station/Center Activity

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Student Instructions

In this activity, we are judging a book by its cover! You will make inferences about the book's plot based on its cover using the help of a Paper Tutor.

1. After carefully looking over the book cover, fill out the questions in the table below.
2. Log onto Paper and start a Live Chat with a Tutor. Discuss your findings and why you made the inferences you did, then develop your findings even further with the help of the Tutor.
3. Using the information in the table, create a paragraph about your predictions for the book.
 - Be sure to ask your Tutor if you need help with your paragraph structure, analysis, or concluding sentence.
4. Share your Inference with your class and have an open debate on what they agree or disagree with and why.

	What I See	What I Predict	Explanation
Book Title			
Images or Symbols			
Colors and Mood			
Characters			

Book Inferencing Follow-Up Activity

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Student Instructions

This activity should be done only AFTER you have completed the first activity AND read the book.

1. Fill out what your prediction was from the previous activity.
2. Decide if your prediction aligned with what you read.
3. Explain why your inferences were accurate or not.
4. Combine all of your explanations into an essay. Include the title of the book, a brief synopsis, what you inferred, and the explanations for why they were or weren't accurate.
5. Submit your essay to the Review Center.
6. Apply the feedback you receive and turn-in your essay to your Teacher.

	My prediction	Was I correct? (circle one)	Explanation
Book Title		Yes / No	
Images or Symbols		Yes / No	
Colors and Mood		Yes / No	
Characters		Yes / No	