

Relevance

An **inference** is something that may be true based on information that we have.

2 Drawing inferences will help you do well on tests.

Sample Test Question:

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Click on the paragraphs that support the idea that Enzo's former home, Trevilla, is near water.

A boy stood on deck and sniffed the salty sea air as the ship pitched back and forth. The smell of the sea was familiar and comforting. The boy's earliest memories were of being at sea with his father. They would fish for hours, just the two of them, surrounded by the blue waters of the Mediterranean Sea.

Now Enzo and his family were on a giant ship crossing the Atlantic. Also on board were hundreds of other people, mostly Italians like Enzo's family. There were more people on board than lived in his entire village back home in Trevilla.

Enzo clattered down the iron steps to the steerage deck and dove into his bunk. He rested his head against his pillow. Trevilla wasn't his home anymore. Gone was the fishing boat. Gone was the Mediterranean blue that he'd always taken for granted. Who knew what kind of home America would be?

One of the passengers was a girl named Carlotta. Her family was from Rome. Carlotta had been quick to tell him this on the first day of the voyage. "New York will not be so different from Rome," Carlotta had said. "They are both great cities, but of course Rome is better. My father has already been to America twice. He is going to open a big department store downtown. My father had a successful business in Rome; all the wealthy ladies would buy from him."

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Does anyone else have another reason why it is relevant to draw inferences from text? (Pair-Share) Why is it relevant to draw inferences draw inferences from text? You may give me one of my reasons or one of your own. Which reason is more relevant to you? Why?