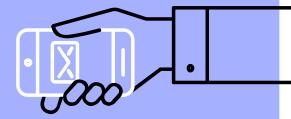


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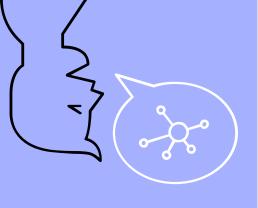


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I can read an informational text and make an inference using what I learned.



EQ: How can I make an inference when reading informational text?



Get out a sheet of notebook paper and a pencil and jot down a short response to the following question: Some hobbies are just to pass the time. Others could lead into a possible job opportunity, or even something greater. Can you think of a hobby you have that could someday lead to a career?



Watch

While you watch the video, write down 2-3 different factors that motivated Michael to start his business.



Link to Video: https://youtu.be/UyI7c8Pf7B4 Link to Text Article (watch video OR read article)

*Notice

An <u>interview</u> is an example of a <u>nonfiction</u> <u>text</u> we may not consider when we think about types of nonfiction text.

Typically, when we think about nonfiction, we think about scientific articles, history textbooks, and documentaries.



Remember

In order to make an <u>inference</u> after reading a passage, you must do the following:

- 1. Read the text closely and carefully.
 - → Mark-up the passage with questions, comments, and predictions.
 - → Underline important parts of the text.
 - → Stop and reread if you get confused.
- 2. Use information from the reading along with what you already know to make an inference.

Practice

- Choose ONE interview to read and open it in a new tab:
 - Mike Smith's Story
 - <u>Carla Lylesound</u>'s Story

On notebook paper, answer the questions using what you learned about how to make an inference. Use the RACE Strategy to answer the questions.



*RACE Strategy

Answer questions by citing the text using this strategy.

- 1. **R**= **restate** the question
- 2. **A**= **answer** the question
- 3. **C**= **cite** evidence from the text
- 4. **E**= **elaborate** using explanations and examples



Questions

1. Why do you think the person interviewed chose to turn their hobby into a career?

2. Of the advice given at the end of the article, what do you think is the most important lesson to learn?



Checking Your Work

The answers to both questions require you to make an inference using your own individual <u>schema</u> (background knowledge), and your answers will vary.

- Check your answers to make sure they meet the following criteria:
 - → Did you write in complete sentences?
 - → Did you use standard conventions (spelling, punctuation, grammar)?
 - \rightarrow Did you answer the question?
 - → Did you support and explain your answer using details from the article?



Checking Your Work

1. Why do you think the person interviewed chose to turn their hobby into a career?

Remember, this question is asking you to make an inference, so you should have included a piece of evidence from the interview in your response.

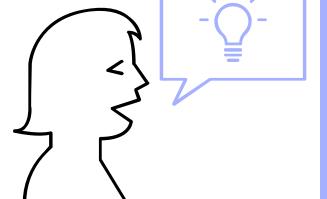
Example response:

I think Carla chose to turn her hobby into a career when she saw how many greeting cards she was able to sell. In paragraph 4, she wrote, "I knew that I enjoyed creating things that made people smile and that was enough for me. But then the orders began to get larger and larger, and I thought, 'Oh wait, I'm an actual business." She waited until she was already making a profit to turn her hobby into her full-time job.



Additional Resources

YEP-KC is a program for high school students that partners young entrepreneurs with businesses in Kansas City. If this is something you think you might be interested in a few years from now, check out additional information here:



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