



	Yes, <b>M</b> (me)	<b>AA</b> (author, author)	<b>M</b> (me)
	ME and MY thinking	AUTHOR'S words	ME and MY explanation
What to do	Tell YOUR answer (infer the answer).	Give two pieces of evidence from the AUTHOR (from the text) that proves your answer.	Explain HOW your evidence proves your answer.
DOs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Repeat words from the question in your sentence.</li> <li>✓ Keep your answer general.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Evidence MUST come from the text.</li> <li>✓ Use the two BEST pieces of evidence.</li> <li>✓ Use a sentence starter:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence #1:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In the text, it says ____.</li> <li>○ The author/text states ____.</li> <li>○ In paragraph ____ it says ____.</li> <li>○ According to the author/text ____.</li> <li>○ One statement that supports my answer is ____.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Evidence #2:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In addition, ____.</li> <li>○ The text also states ____.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Explain how the evidence allowed you to make your inference.</li> <li>✓ Mention background knowledge when it applies.</li> <li>✓ Use a sentence starter:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These details prove that ____ because ____.</li> <li>• This must mean that ____ because ____.</li> <li>• Since I know ____, these details prove ____.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
DONTs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>X Don't give away text evidence.</li> <li>X Avoid using "because" here.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>X Don't mention background knowledge yet.</li> <li>X Don't use sentences from the text that do not support your answer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>X Don't repeat your evidence or give more evidence from the text.</li> </ul>

**Example**

How does Jack's mom feel about him trading their cow for a pouch of beans? Use details from the text to support your answer.

**M** → Jack's mom feels furious that he traded their cow for a pouch of beans. <sup>①</sup>In  
**A** → the text, the author writes that she shouted at him and called him a "silly boy."  
**A** → <sup>②</sup>The text also states that she threw the beans out the window and sent him  
**M** → straight to bed. These details prove that she was furious because I know when  
 my mom gets angry with me she might raise her voice or send me to my room.