

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

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Book Punch – Evidence and Inference

The Evidence and Inference topics and their pre-writing questions are listed below. When you find a fact in the book that answers a pre-writing question, write the page number next to the question.

Evidence and Inference Topic 1

Sometimes one has to be willing to take risks to find a way out of life's difficulties. Write a paragraph describing the brave acts Mrs. Frisby undertakes in order to deal with Moving Day.

(This topic is recommended for students who have read through "The Owl.")

1. Who is the first creature Mrs. Frisby turns to for help with her problem? Tell why she thinks that she has the right to approach this creature.
2. What is the creature's response to Mrs. Frisby's request for help?
3. What frightening things do the creature's suggestion require Mrs. Frisby to do?
4. How does Mrs. Frisby decide to respond to the creature's suggestion?

Evidence and Inference Topic 2

A civilization requires many things. As the rats pursue their education, they discover some interesting things about their ancestors, who may have been on the verge of creating a civilization. Write a paragraph detailing what the rats learn about their ancestors and describe what it makes them wonder.

(This topic is recommended for students who have read through "The Toy Tinker.")

1. Why did scientists think the rats' ancestors were on the verge of creating a civilization?
2. Who are the descendants today of the rats who almost created a civilization?
3. Why do scientists think the rats did not develop a civilization?
4. The rats wonder about the civilization they might have created. What are some of the things they wonder about?

Evidence and Inference Topic 3

It can be difficult to move to a new home, especially if it is much easier to stay where one is. Write a paragraph describing the Plan of the rats and explain how it came about.

(This topic is recommended for students who have read through "Thorn Valley.")

1. What concerns do some of the rats have about their life on the farm?
2. What do the rats think might happen if they stay on the farm? Why do they think this is likely to occur?
3. What is Nicodemus's idea? How does Jenner feel about it?
4. What is the Plan?