

My Brother Sam Is Dead

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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

In the story, Tim Meeker watches a group of soldiers enter the Meeker tavern. Write a paragraph describing the scene Tim views when he sneaks in to see what the soldiers want.

(This topic is recommended for students who have read through Chapter 4.)

1. When Tim looks into the taproom, what is happening to his mother?
2. When Tim looks into the taproom, what does he see happening to his father?
3. What do the soldiers want?
4. How does Tim's father answer the soldiers' questions?

Evidence and Inference Topic 2

One of the responsibilities that Tim takes over after his older brother has left is to help his father drive the cattle to be sold at market. Write a paragraph describing what happens during their journey to the market.

(This topic is recommended for students who have read through Chapter 7.)

1. Describe the men Tim and his father meet on the way to the market.
2. What do the men Tim and his father meet on the way to Verplancks say? What do the men ask the Meekers? What do they accuse Father of being?
3. How do these men act towards Tim and his father?
4. What happens at the end of this event? How is the situation resolved?

Evidence and Inference Topic 3

An event or events are ironic when there is a difference between what one expects to happen and what actually does happen. Write a paragraph telling what eventually happens to Sam. Explain why this is ironic.

(This topic is recommended for students who have read the entire book.)

1. Who arrests Sam and why?
2. Why do things look bad for Sam?
3. What is the outcome of Sam's arrest?
4. What is ironic about what happens to Sam? Whom do the authors lead you to expect will cause problems for Sam? How is the way things turn out for Sam different from what you expect?