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# Making Inferences

Making an inference means using clues from the text to figure out something the author doesn't tell you directly.

**Directions:** Answer the questions or follow the directions that appear in italics to fill in what's missing from the chart. We completed the first row for you.

Clues	Inference
<p>1. Jerry explains why "you could almost hate" Rollie Tremaine: "He made us constantly aware of the jingle of coins in his pockets. He'd stroll into Lemire's and casually select a quarter's worth of cards while we watched, aching with envy." (p. 25)</p>	<p><i>What can you infer about Rollie from Jerry's description?</i></p> <p>You can infer that Rollie had more money than his friends, and that he enjoyed showing it off.</p>
<p>2. <i>Find two lines that support the inference on the right.</i></p>	<p>As Armand got older, Jerry's relationship with his brother began to change.</p>
<p>3. "I pedaled my bike furiously through the streets, ignoring indignant car horns as I sliced through traffic. Finally, I saw Armand and my sisters emerge from the Men's Shop. My heart sank when I spied the long, slim package that Armand was holding." (pp. 26-27)</p>	<p><i>Why does Jerry's heart sink at this moment?</i></p>

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<p>4. Find two moments in the story that support the inference on the right.</p>	<p>Jerry's father struggled to support his family.</p>
<p>5. "A girl from the North Side?" I asked, incredulous. He rolled over and faced me, anger in his eyes, and despair too. "What's wrong with that? Think she's too good for me?" (p. 28)</p> <p>"And a girl from the North Side was so remote that for all practical purposes she did not exist." (p. 28)</p>	<p>Incredulous means "skeptical." What can you infer about "the North Side" from this exchange?</p>
<p>6. Find two moments in the story that support the inference on the right.</p>	<p>Jerry gives Armand the money he gets from selling his Grover Cleveland card to Rollie.</p>