

HOW MANY DAYS  
to  
America?

A THANKSGIVING STORY



# INFERRING IS ...

1. using CLUES from the text

2. BACKGROUND knowledge

to better understand what the author is communicating through their writing, WITHOUT explicitly stating.



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## THE TEXT SAYS...

"My mother hid my little sister and me under the bed. When I peered out I could see my mother's feet in their black slippers and the great, muddy boots of the soldiers."

"We must leave right now. Because we do not think the way they think, my son. Hurry!"

"Boats bobbed in the dark water off the quay and men talked behind their hands while gold passed from one pocket to another."

"By day we fished and shared the catch. When it rained we caught the water in our buckets. I slept and dreamed."

"We joined hands and closed our eyes while my father gave thanks that we were free, and safe, and here."

## I INFER...

Infer why mother was hiding her children.

Infer how Papa thinks differently from the soldiers.

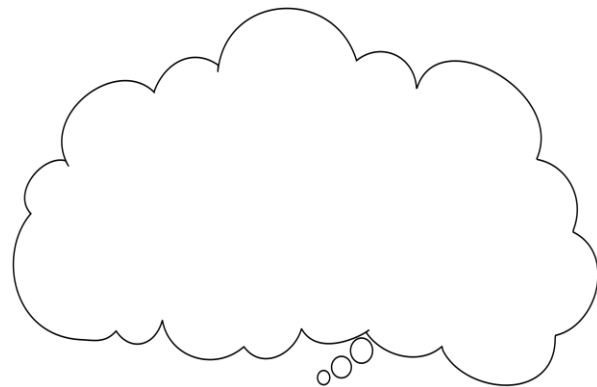
Infer what people are having to do in order to get on a boat to America.

Infer how long the journey to America took.

Infer what this family will do tomorrow.

THE TEXT SAYS...

I INFERRED...

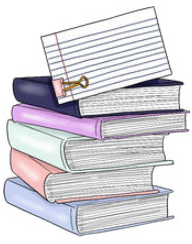


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What are three things you are most thankful for this Thanksgiving? Compare your feelings of thankfulness to Papa at the end of the story.



# THANK YOU!



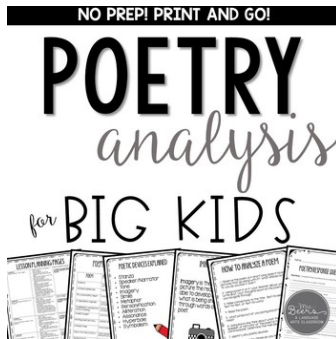
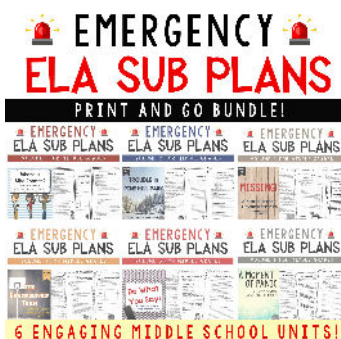
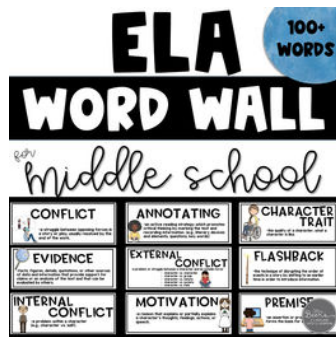
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