



Inference and Detail

Problems on Formative

Inference Problems

- ◆ Inferences are details
 - “Greasers stick together”
 - “Socs aren’t emotional”
 - “Greasers fight one-on-one”
 - “Greasers aren’t rough”

Inference Problems

- ◆ Obvious inferences
 - "Greasers are fair"
 - "Socs are high class"
 - "Socs are different than Greasers"

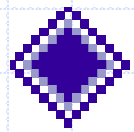
Inference Problems

- ◆ Inferences not about Greasers or Socs
 - “Cherry trusts Pony”
 - “Two-bit likes fighting ”
 - “Dally is going to pay for the tires”

Problems

- ◆ No specific details or quotes from the passage

Problems



No explanation

Problems

Let's look at some
examples

Greasers

- ◆ "Greasers usually stick together"
- ◆ "They stick together and don't get caught"

Not an inference
(these are details)

Fight using their fists

- ◆ “Skin fighting ain’t rough”
- ◆ “There’s nothing wrong with throwing a few punches”

Obvious inference

Dallas likes to fight

- ◆ What's wrong with this?
 - It doesn't focus on Greasers; it focuses on only one of the characters.

They don't care about their future

- ◆ "There is nothing wrong with throwing a few punches."
- ◆ "Slashed tires ain't no joke."

Good inference

Inference or Detail?

- ◆ "They are poor" (*inference*)
- ◆ "Troublemakers" (*obvious*)
- ◆ "They stick together" (*detail*)
- ◆ "Greasers live in a tough neighborhood." (*inference*)

To get advanced...

- Explain how the detail you chose proves your inference *without referring back to the book.*

They don't care about their future.

◆ "There is nothing wrong with throwing a few punches.

■ Usually people that do bad things don't think of getting a record and how it will affect their future.

Good or Bad Explanation for “They want to be identified as a Greaser.”

◆ “Since they all wear the same clothes, it is easy to identify them as Greasers.”

◆ *(OK except for the Greaser reference)*

◆ “Usually people in groups have the same taste in clothes.”

◆ *(good)*

Good or Bad Explanation for "Greasers live in a tough neighborhood."

◆ "The Socs commit crimes like jumping Greasers."

◆ *(bad because it has stuff from the book)*

◆ "If there is a lot of crime and fights in your neighborhood, it must be tough to live there."

◆ *(good)*