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Making Inferences 3

Directions: Read each passage and then respond to the questions. Each question will ask you to make a logical inference based on textual details. **Explain your answer by referencing the text.**

Chris was upset that the teacher made the new kid sit with him. He liked to sit by himself, and he didn't want to make any friends. While the teacher was passing out papers, the new kid made the first move, "Hi, my name's Sean." Chris replied brusquely, "That's nice," without looking up from the notebook on which he was doodling. Sean paid Chris's lack of manners no mind. Instead, he stole a glance at the notebook on which Chris was drawing. Sean noticed that Chris was drawing a guitar with skulls on it. Sean asked politely, "What's your favorite band?" Chris ignored him. Sean continued, "My favorite band is The Lords of Death." Chris looked up at him for the first time. "Hello, Sean, my name is Chris. I believe that we are going to be great friends." Sean smiled.

1. Why did Chris suddenly respond in a positive way to Sean's inquiries? _____

How do you know this?

2. How did Sean know the correct approach to win Chris's friendship? _____

How do you know this?

During the California Gold Rush of 1849, the world's supply of gold more than doubled, and hundreds of thousands of people rushed to California to find their share. Boomtowns popped up to accommodate the visitors. A boomtown is a community that receives sudden and explosive growth and development. San Francisco had around two-hundred residents in 1846, and about 36,000 in 1852. The few merchants in these boomtowns sold goods for more than ten times what they cost back East. For example, a single pound of flour sold for as much as \$17. Not everyone who joined in the California Gold Rush got rich, but most of the boomtown merchants did.

3. Why were boomtown merchants able to sell their products for so much money?

How do you know this?

4. How were the miners able to pay such steep prices for the goods offered by Boomtown merchants?

How do you know this?