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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.

Clara was upset that the teacher made the new hat 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 is Sean." Clara replied hesitantly. "That's nice," without looking up from the notebook on which he was doodling. Sean paid Clara's lack of interest no mind. Instead, he stole a glance at the notebook on which Clara was doodling. Sean noticed that Clara was drawing a picture with skulls on it. Sean asked politely, "What's your favorite book?" Clara ignored him. Sean continued, "My favorite book is *The Lord of the Rings*." Clara looked up at him for the first time. "Hello, Sean, my name is Clara. I believe that we are going to be great friends." Sean smiled.

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

Write your answer:

2. How did Sean learn the correct approach to start Clara's friendship? _____

Write your answer:

During the California Gold Rush of 1849, the world's supply of gold was fast dwindling, and hundreds of thousands of people flocked to California to find their share. The state was popped up to accommodate the visitors. A boomtown is a community that receives visitors and experiences growth and development. San Francisco had around two hundred residents in 1846, and about 36,000 in 1852. The few residents in these boomtowns would trade for more than ten times what they could back East. For example, a single pound of flour sold for as much as \$17. But everyone who joined in the California Gold Rush got rich, but most of the boomtowns never lasted long.

3. Why were boomtowns unable to sell their products for as much money? _____

Write your answer:

4. How were the miners able to pay each other prices for the goods offered by boomtown merchants? _____

Write your answer: