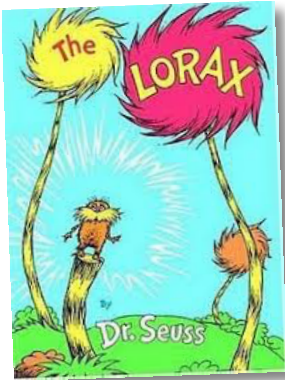


I wonder what the author meant?



Consider the following quotes from *The Lorax* and infer meaning from the words. Inferring is looking back and reflecting about what has been read; pausing and asking, “I wonder what the author meant?” Choose your favourite three quotes and graffiti your thinking next to the quotes.

Evidence + My thinking = Inference.

Evidence ~ the words from the story

My thinking ~ personal connections / background knowledge

Inference ~ I think that...because...

Maybe it means...because...

<p><i>“I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees. I speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues.”</i></p>	<p><i>“You’re glumping the pond where the Humming-Fish hummed! No more can they hum, for their gills are all gummed.”</i></p>
<p><i>“Look Lorax.” I said. “There’s no cause for alarm. I chopped just one tree. I am doing no harm.”</i></p>	<p><i>“Now all that was left ‘neath the bad smelling sky was my big empty factory... the Lorax... and I.”</i></p>
<p><i>He snapped, “I’m the Lorax who speaks for the trees which you seem to be chopping as fast as you please.”</i></p>	<p><i>“And all that the Lorax left here in this mess was a small pile of rocks, with the one word... UNLESS. Whatever that meant, well, I just couldn’t guess”.</i></p>
<p><i>“I meant no harm. I most truly did not. But I had to grow bigger. So bigger I got.”</i></p>	<p><i>“Plant a new Truffula. Treat it with care. Give it clean water. And feed it fresh air.”</i></p>