

Deduction & Inference

Deduction

understanding

based on **evidence**

given in text

The celebrity admitted owning the gun that killed his wife.

What do we know?

- There is a celebrity.
- He owns a gun.
- He was married.
- His wife is dead.
- That gun caused her death.
- The celebrity admitted owning that gun.

How do skilled readers deduce?

- Track multiple characters
- Strategies for working out unknown words
- Understanding intonation
- Identify characters' beliefs
- Understanding characters' relationships
- Drawing reasonable conclusions

What can you deduct from the poem “Blessing”?

1. Consider the title.
2. Read through the poem.
3. List the facts.
4. Write a summary of the poem using no more than 20 words.

Inference

reasonable

interpretation

beyond the literal

information in text

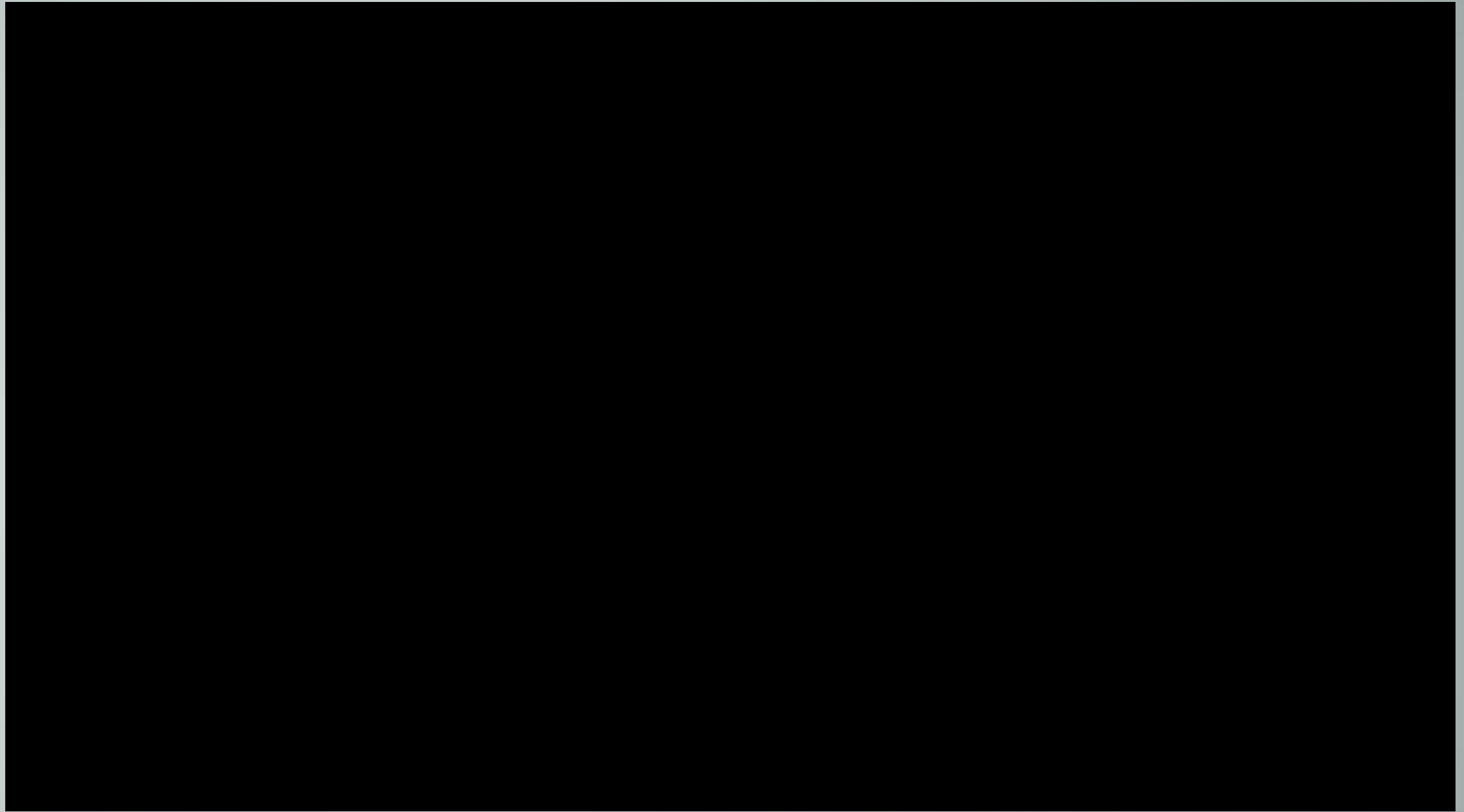


"I still say those 10 Commandments
are deceptively open to interpretation."



"Say ... what's a mountain goat doing way up here in a cloud bank?"





<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=im4TYITM0VE>

Feeling empathy for characters, laughing at a joke, discovering an answer to a riddle, getting a sense about the setting of a story, reacting to facts, and solving a mystery are all part of inferential thinking.

(Strategies that Work - Harvey et al)

How do skilled readers infer?

- background knowledge
- identify characters' motivations
- details of setting
- devising plausible explanations
- empathising
- recognise device and structure
- understand author's view
- recognise author's bias
- make connections

What can you infer from the poem “Blessing”?

- 1. Consider the title.**
- 2. Read through the poem.**
- 3. What inferences can you make?**