

## *Author on My Shoulder*

### ThinkSheet Infer/Predict

When you come to a hard part, “talk” to the author:

<p>“This is what you said, Author”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SURFACE INFORMATION</b></p> <p>The Lines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State the information and ideas, the evidence and clues actually stated. Show a clear grasp of the information the author provides.</li> <li>• List the seemingly important points, those that make you ask, “Why are you telling me this?”</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>List the clues here.</i></p>	<p>“This is what I infer, Author”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BRIDGING INFERENCES</b></p> <p>Between the Lines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is this what you are suggesting from the stated information?</li> <li>• What can I infer because of the ideas and concepts that are in close proximity? What are the reasons they are close together?</li> <li>• Do you want me to relate the distant parts to each other? How? Why?</li> <li>• What is the big message of your text? the theme?</li> <li>• What are you hoping I’ll infer from this?</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>List your inferences here.</i></p>	<p>“This is what I predict, Author” and the “So what?”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ELABORATIVE INFERENCES</b></p> <p>Beyond the Lines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is where I think you are headed (prediction) and my evidence.</li> <li>• What from my own experience or prior knowledge contributes to or supports this inference?</li> <li>• What might be the consequences of believing and acting on this information?</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Make predictions and play with the ideas here.</i></p>

Record *Author on My Shoulder* on the DURING line of your reading log. In the right-hand column, tell how doing this affected the meaning you made from this text.

Inspired by Adria Klein, personal communication, 2000.