Agenda for June 13th:

Review

What is inference? Read Ch. 7 and report to class about what you read. (Class was divided into 5 parts to read from pp. 337-401.)

How do writers use inference?

Inference is used for propaganda, i.e. cigarettes.  
Used in media as something glamorous but the real issue is that cigarettes kill.  
Finding synonyms and antonymns for words.  
Idioms such as “It’s raining cats and dogs.” Hidden meaning: raining hard outside.  
  
Politics  
Power of person in control, Lyndon B. Johnson  
Based on description, actions, famous people  
Prediction in story form  
  
Learning about people  
Assumptions  
Read between the lines  
  
Context clues  
footnotes  
sidenotes  
explanation  
Logical deduction  
prior knowledge  
hints

Poetry  
Drama  
Fiction  
Philosophers  
  
Not directly stated  
always hidden

Examples:

My Story video: “Turning Point”  
What connection can you make with this video?  
Can you write your story? What aspect will you choose to write about? Has there been a turning point in your life? Write about it.  
Challenge your mentee to find the oldest person he/she knows and interview her. Come back to you with his/her story.

What does the term “inference” mean?  
an assumption  
evidence or develops a conclusion  
to derive facts  
to create a conclusion from facts  
to create a conclusion from gathered information  
statement about the unknown based on the known (from Dev Critical Reading Skills, Spears)  
conclusion of an argument  
  
How is it used by writers?  
Examples.

Define these terms:

* Connotation – talking about an image/positive/negative/mutual aspect  
   emotional meaning of something (message)
* Denotation - specific

Which one of these terms are you using with your mentee as you read your picture book?   
How can you explain the term “inference” so your mentee understands its usage through the picture book which you have?