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?