

DRAWING INFERENCES

Guided Instruction

RL.4.1

WORDS TO KNOW

landscape

opportunity

An **inference** is an educated guess, or conclusion, based on evidence from the text.

CITE EVIDENCE

A Details in a story are pieces of information that help you understand the characters, settings, and events. Find and underline the details in paragraph 5 that help you understand Paul.

B You can use details to make **inferences** about a story. Review the details about Paul. Then circle the detail in paragraph 8 that tells Jackson's reaction to Paul. What inference can you make about these two scouts?

Into the Grand Canyon

(Genre: Adventure Story)

- 1 "Jackson, let's go!"
- 2 "Sorry, Mr. Anderson; I was just gathering my supplies."
- 3 "Way to be prepared, Jackson!" Mr. Anderson, our troop leader, arranged this hike for us, and he made us do some intense training before we could go. A back-country hike in the Grand Canyon is an incredible **opportunity**, but it can also be a little dangerous. Mr. Anderson is giving us instructions as I join the rest of the troop.
- 4 "We are two miles from our campsite, and the other troop should already be there. Let's stay aware of the **landscape**, and let's stay together."
- 5 While we are getting ready, I look for my best friend, Paul. Paul is a genius. He can beat any video game, fix any computer problem, and set up any smartphone. He doesn't really do much outdoors, though.
- 6 Paul is studying his cell phone. "What are you doing?" I ask. "Do you have service down here?"
- 7 "Enough to play my video games."
- 8 I frown with annoyance. "Paul, we are getting ready to hike through the Grand Canyon, so how can you even think about video games?" I snatch his cell phone and hold it high over my head.