#### ESOL Choice Board for Grades 6-8

#### Monday

Sometimes a writer does not state everything plainly. When you figure out details based on what you know and what you are reading, you are making inferences. When you put together pieces of information in a text, you are drawing conclusions.

Click here to watch a video about Malala Yousafzai, a young activist from Pakistan.

After you watch the video, add a second response for each question below:

What does the video tell you about Malala?

1) Her group is giving away 3 million dollars.2)

# What do you already know?

1) 3 million dollars is a big amount of money.

2)

## Tuesday

Take a look at some excerpts from an article about Amanda Gorman, the first National Youth Poet Laureate:

"This afternoon, with her reading of an original composition titled *The Hill We Climb*, she did just that- and, in doing so, became the youngest inaugural poet in United States history."

"Growing up in Los Angeles, where her mother teaches middle school, Gorman began writing poetry as a child. At 16, she served as a youth delegate for the United Nations. Soon after that, she became the Youth Poet Laureate of Los Angeles and published her first collection, *The One for Whom Food is Not Enough*. In 2017, while studying sociology at Harvard University, she was named the country's first National Youth Poet Laureate."

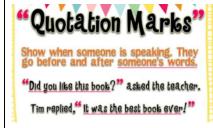
After you read the excerpts, add a second and third response to the questions below:

What do the excerpts tell you about Amanda?

## Wednesday

When writing, we place quotation marks around the exact words that a person says. These words are called a direct quotation. Most of the time, you use a comma to separate the conversation words from the direct quotation. Place a question mark or an exclamation point, when used, inside the quotation marks.

<u>Click here</u> to play Punctuation Mystery and practice placing quotation marks!



## Thursday

Take a look at some excerpts from an article about Ian Brock, the 15 year old founder of Chicago's *Dream Hustle Code* program:

"Brock turned his anger over experiences like these into action. At the age of eight, he worked with his parents to start the nonprofit *Dream Hustle Code*, which aims to introduce underrepresented communities to computer science."

"There's a lot going on this summer with the high unemployment, the mass shootings, as well as the uncertainty with the coronavirus and many programs being cancelled,' Brock said. 'For a lot of kids, there's a lot of negative stuff going on, but there's not enough programs to occupy their time.'"

Using the excerpts above, can you draw any conclusions about lan? Fill in one more conclusion below:

#### Friday

Mari Copeny, also known as "Little Miss Flint," wrote a letter to (then) President Barack Obama in 2014 asking for help with the dirty, polluted drinking water in her hometown of Flint, Michigan. Mari's recognition of a problem in her community and the letter she wrote inspired Obama to eventually authorize \$100 million for a cleanup campaign in the city!

Can you plan to write a letter to an elected official about a problem in your community that you'd like to solve? Use the chart below to help plan your letter:

Problem:
How to fix:
Who can help:
What I need:

Next, take the time to write your letter! Start it like this:

# What can you infer?

1) Malala's group must be talented at raising money.

2)



- 1) Her first collection of poems was called *The One for Whom Food is Not Enough.*
- 2)
- 3)

## What do you already know?

- 1) It is very tough to get writing published, especially as a young person.
- 2)
- 3)

## What can you infer?

- 1) Amanda's family probably supported her dreams when she was younger.
- 2)
- 3)



# My conclusions:

1) Ian Brock is passionate about bringing other underrepresented kids into computer science.

2)



Dear,	
There is a problem in my	
community. It	
is	

Share your letter with a trusted adult and ask them to help send it!

