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# Making Inferences

**An *inference* is something you can figure out from clues in a story, even though the story doesn't say it directly.**

**Directions:** The chart below lists clues from "Frozen Dreams" on the left and inferences you can make from them on the right. Fill in the blanks on the chart with clues or inferences from the article.

Clues	Inferences
<p>1</p> <p>Consider these lines from "Frozen Dreams":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "Henson sailed around the world. He learned to read and became a skilled sailor and carpenter."</li><li>• "Henson had taken on complex jobs, working alongside Navy engineers."</li><li>• "Unlike Peary, Henson learned their language and joined their celebrations."</li></ul>	<p>What can you infer about Matthew Henson's ability to master new skills?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Write two lines from the article that support the inference on the right.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>The Arctic is a dangerous place that only the most determined people chose to explore.</p>

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<p>3</p> <p>Consider these lines from the article:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Henson’s Inuit friends taught him how to hunt and ice fish.”</li><li>• “No other American or European explorers had these kinds of skills.”</li><li>• “He would have lost his feet completely had Henson not pushed him back to camp on a sled, an 11-day journey.”</li></ul>	<p>What can you infer about how important Henson was to the expeditions?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>4</p> <p>Write two lines from the article that support the inference on the right.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Racism was the reason Robert Peary got sole credit for discovering the North Pole after he and Henson returned home.</p>