

Reading Skill

MAKE INFERENCES

To understand the poem, you must **make inferences**, or logical guesses, about the dead who are described and about the speaker who describes them.

Directions: In the chart, record your inferences about the dead and the speaker, and clues that led to your inferences. Use details from the poem to infer ideas not stated outright. One example has been done for you.

Inferences About the Dead	Inferences About the Speaker	Clues
They once raised happy, loving families.		

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