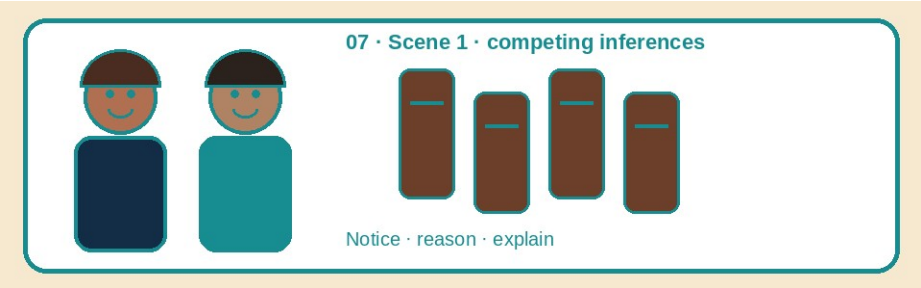
Whose Map Solves the Problem

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Goal and vocabulary

Cite the strongest textual evidence to compare two characters' claims and explain how a detail changes an inference.

Vocabulary	Meaning
inference	a conclusion supported by evidence
counterevidence	evidence that challenges a claim
qualify	limit a claim so it stays accurate

Source and model

Original passage: Darius unfolded the trail map and pointed to the dotted footbridge. 'This route is shorter.' Elena turned the map toward the window. A handwritten note beside the bridge read, Closed after heavy rain. Outside, water still beaded on the glass. Darius folded the map again and said, 'Then the ridge trail is safer today.'

Model: Identify evidence, apply the rule, and verify the claim.