Learning Target: I CAN make inferences that can be supported by evidence.

Directions: Read the story “Trapped,” and answer the questions choosing the best inference. Remember that some of the incorrect choices may seem correct but do not require you to make an inference.

1. What is the most likely reason that Lance and Ricky experience conflict at the end of the story?
   a. Lance was angry that Ricky dunked on him in the basketball game.
   b. Ricky called him the “N” word.
   c. Nobody likes getting blamed for things they didn’t do.
   d. Lance was angry that Ricky wouldn’t acknowledge the role of racism in the cop pulling them over.

2. When Ricky leans forward in the car, and says, “I thought it might help if the cop saw me” what can be inferred about his character?
   a. He understands race is a factor in Lance being pulled over.
   b. He wants the cop to see him.
   c. Ricky likes to help his friends.
   d. It’s important to Ricky that people know he’s a basketball player.

3. What is the purpose of the author placing basketball in the story?
   a. The boys both play basketball.
   b. The author must know a lot about basketball.
   c. The boys bond over basketball because they are equally skilled.
   d. Most people like basketball.

4. Near the top of page 108, why does Ricky feel like he is trapped?
   a. He’s frustrated that he can’t break the boredom.
   b. He’s uncomfortable talking about race, and Lance won’t let it go.
   c. He’s stuck in the car with Lance because he’s far from home.
   d. He doesn’t know the area.