

INFERENCE & EVIDENCE

Q2 · Wk1

Grade 4

The Lighthouse Beam

FAITHFULNESS

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preceptor reads aloud

DO THIS

► Read the passage carefully.

READ • read carefully — you will answer questions about this

- 1 Long ago, sailors depended on lighthouses to stay safe at sea. A lighthouse is a tall tower with a bright light at the top. This light shines far out over the water, guiding ships to the shore. Many lighthouse keepers worked hard every day to make sure the light stayed bright and steady.
- 2 Captain Maria was a skilled sailor who had traveled the ocean many times. One dark night, thick fog rolled in over the water, covering everything like a blanket. Maria could not see the rocks and shallow places that could damage her ship. She worried that her crew would not find the right path. However, she knew to look for the lighthouse beam. Captain Maria steered her ship toward the steady, warm glow in the sky. The lighthouse keeper, Old Henry, had kept the light burning bright all through the stormy night. His work gave sailors like Maria a sign to follow. The bright beam cut through the fog like a guide pointing the way home.
- 3 When Captain Maria spotted the lighthouse, she knew she was near the safe harbor. She carefully followed the light until she could see the rocks on the shore. Now she could steer away from the danger and move toward the calm waters of the harbor. The lighthouse had done its job. Captain Maria brought her ship and crew safely to land. She visited the lighthouse and thanked Old Henry for his faithful work. He smiled and said, "A lighthouse is just a tool. It is the keeper's heart and dedication that make it truly guide people home."
- 4 Every night, Henry climbed the tall stairs to light the beacon again. He understood that his work was important. Sailors counted on him. Just as the lighthouse guided ships

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READ (continued) • keep reading

through darkness and danger, Henry knew his faithful service guided people toward safety. His lighthouse became known as one of the most trusted lights on the coast. Sailors told stories about how the steady beam had saved their lives. The lighthouse and its faithful keeper became a symbol of guidance and hope.

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WHAT I KNOW . . .

Ships can be damaged by rocks and shallow water, so sailors need to see where they are going to stay safe.

SO I INFER . . .

The lighthouse helped her avoid hitting rocks and shallow places that could damage her ship, and it guided her safely to the harbor.

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He learned that keeping the light burning faithfully was important because sailors' lives depended on him and his dedication to the work.

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