From the **BOOK:** | From My **BRAIN:**
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1. *Discussion Question or Point:* Next time Mudville has a game, do you think Casey will be as cocky and let strikes go by? | What I Am Thinking About That
There really is no hint in the poem about his future behavior, but he seems to like to control the crowd (“Casey raised his hand”) and he is proud (“Pride in Casey’s bearing”), so I think he will hit the first one but try to make it a HR.

2. *Quote or Main Character & Traits* | What I Am Thinking About That
“Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright, The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light; And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout.”
From the repetition of “somewhere” I could infer that he struck out elsewhere because it led me to think that somewhere ELSE these things were happening, but not in Mudville.

3. *Vocabulary Word, Definition, and Sentence it appeared in:* | What I Am Thinking About That
Fraud - wrongful deception intended to result in financial or personal gain.
“I don’t think that the crowd really thought that the referee was deceptive or getting any personal gain from the call, but I do think they wanted to believe that he was wrong because they couldn’t believe Casey would make a mistake like that.

4. *A Question, Inference, or Prediction:* My inference: Flynn and Blake were not strong baseball players | What I Am Thinking About That
Based on
1) the terms “hoo-doo” and “cake”
2) **People** thinking, “if only Casey could but get a whack at that,” assuming that they will strike out before he gets his turn at bat
3) Flynn did not drive a single, to the wonderment of all”