

From the **BOOK**:From My **BRAIN**:

1. Discussion Question or Point:

What I Am Thinking About That

Next time Mudville has a game, do you think Casey will be as cocky and let strikes go by?

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

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"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 because it led me to think that **somewhere** ELSE these things were happening, but not in Mudville

3. Vocabulary Word, Definition, and

What I Am Thinking About That

Sentence it appeared in:

Fraud - wrongful deception intended to result in financial or personal gain.

"Fraud!" cried the maddened thousands, and echo answered, "Fraud!"

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:

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My inference: Flynn and Blake were not strong baseball players

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 let drive a single, to the **wonderment** of all"