

Text: **FOUND MONEY**

Classwork (9/22/11)

1. SUMMARIZE THE TEXT. Your summary should include **WHO** the article is about, **WHAT** the writer is talking about, **WHEN** and **WHERE** the action took place, and **WHY** you think the author wants us to read it. Your summary should be a complete paragraph.
2. Write each of the following:
 - a. a QUESTION you had while reading
 - b. an INFERENCE you made while reading
 - c. a VISUAL you saw while reading
 - d. a PREDICTION you made while reading
 - e. a CONNECTION you made to the text
3. Why do you think the writer went and spoke to Tequesta, her family and Officer DiStephano before writing this article?



Found Money is an article from *People Weekly* that was published several years ago. The article is about a girl named Tequesta Allen, a 16-yr-old in West Palm Beach, Florida. She found a wallet containing \$1,100, but unlike most people, she decided to return it to its owner. She was given so many cash rewards from various people that she ended up with almost twice as much money in the end. I think the author was trying to show us that good people still exist and good deeds do get rewarded. **(summary)**

As I was reading Found Money...

...I wondered what I would do if I found a wallet with a large amount of money in it. **(question)**

...I was able to infer that Tequesta was an upstanding young lady, even before the writer gave me background information on her. **(clarify)**

...I was able to visualize the look on the officer's face when he received the call that his wallet had been found and was being returned. **(visualize)**

...I predicted that Tequesta would be rewarded for her good deed; however, I didn't think that she would be rewarded as much as she was. **(predict)**

...I was reminded of when I lost my keys at work and had no idea how I would get home, or get in my home once I got there. I imagine the officer felt similarly when he realized he lost his wallet. I, much like him, was surprised and relieved when a child found them and returned them to me. **(connect)**



I think the writer INTERVIEWED other people because it helped him get more information about Tequesta. It helped him figure out what type of person she was, and it allowed him to find out things about her that she didn't/wouldn't say about herself. **(Answer to #3)**