Making Inferences Graphic Organizer

Title: Letter from New Orleans by Jon Lee Anderson

CPQ: How does Lionel Petrie feel about his hometown New Orleans at the end of the story?

P. #	My Answers to the CPQ	Direct (Explicit) or Inference (Implicit)?	Evidence (Text Clues)	Background Knowledge (Connections to What I Know)
419	Now I know who Lionel Petrie is in the text. He is an African American man in his 60s. His dog and Petrie are on the second-story porch floor. He appears to be an organized man.	explicit	In the text, it says, "Petrie was clearly an organized man: a painter's ladder was dangling from the railing of the porch, and a clutch of orange life vests hung within reach of a fiberglass canoe that was tethered to the house."	
420	Petrie has a family, but they left before the hurricane to Baton Rouge.	implicit	I can infer that he will not leave his home for safety because he is afraid of getting separated from his family completely. He would rather wait for them to return and reunite.	From my background knowledge, I know that we should stay put if we were to ever get lost. In order to get reconnected to his family, he would stay at their house until they return. He knows they are in Baton Rouge, but not the exact place where he can reunite with them.
420	Petrie has stocked up with food until his family returns, but we learn he might not make it. The water has become toxic and if he waits there in his home for more days he will never see his family because he can pass out and die from the fumes in the water.	explicit	It is directly stated in the text "it was much likelier that he would pass put and die from the fumes from the water."	
421	Despite the fact that Petrie did not want to leave his home in fear of not being reunited with his family again, he said O.K. to Alladio.	implicit	I can infer that he knows this is his only chance to get back with his family since Alladio has promised to take him to Baton Rouge where he knows his family left to before Katrina hit. It is his only chance to be reunited with his family.	I know from Background Knowledge that all the fumes in the water will turn toxic and can get a person sick. There is nothing cleaning the high waters nor are they being drained in other places, so Petrie could be facing death if he stays.