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Making Inferences

Directions: Read the short passages and then answer each question **quoting** evidence from the text to make inferences about each scenario.

The old book sat on the dusty shelf, its pages yellowed and brittle with age. The leather cover was cracked and worn, its once vibrant color now faded to a dull brown. Intricate gold embossing adorned the spine and cover, hinting at a time when craftsmanship was paramount. Sarah gently opened it, the hinges creaking in protest, and found handwritten notes in elegant cursive filling the margins. Each note was meticulously penned, suggesting a previous owner who valued the book greatly and perhaps used it for scholarly pursuits. The smell of aged paper and ink wafted up, evoking a sense of history and mystery.

- What is the condition of the book?

- What can you infer about the book's age and history?

- How do you think the book ended up on the dusty shelf?

- What do the handwritten notes suggest about the book's previous owner?
