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Across the Wide Dark Sea: The Mayflower Journey

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Read the story. Then answer the questions on the next page.

A Trip Back in Time!

When Dad said we were going to Plymouth to see where the Pilgrims lived, Mom looked at us sharply. She said, "I want you two to behave and learn something today." My sister Margie smiled and winked at me when Mom looked away.

The place was not at all what we expected. Instead of a museum display, we found ourselves walking past full-sized homes with fences and gardens. It looked like New Plymouth might have looked in 1627. People who dressed and talked like Pilgrims answered our questions as they went about their tasks for the day. It seemed as if we had been carried back in time.

The best part of our visit happened by chance. We were

looking at the goats when a young Pilgrim girl came by

with a bucket of water. She told us how the brown goat had kicked her last week. Then she invited us into her home, which turned out to be a small, cramped, hot, smoky cottage with a cooking fire right on the dirt floor. It was as if we'd made a new friend. We learned all about Mary, how she did chores most of the day, how she hated to milk goats, how she loved to shine the kettle with salt and vinegar. And she was so polite to all the adults! Why, she even curtsied to my parents. Needless to say, we were too busy talking to get into trouble — well, on that day anyway!

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Use clues from the story and what you know to answer each question.

Story Clues	What I Know	
2. How does the storyto	eller feel about the Pilgrim girl's home?	

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