

Dear Parents Brothers and Sisters

Part 1: Sourcing the Document

Who wrote this letter ?

Where was she when she wrote this letter?

To whom did she write it?

Where did her family live?

Part 2: Close Read

In the first paragraph Sarah tells why she went west. Why did she go?

In the third, fourth, and fifth paragraphs, Sarah describes her journey.

Underline in red the different kinds of transportation she used and then make a list:

Underline in blue the names of the towns or cities where she stopped.

How many days did it take for her to make the trip?

What kind of home did she see on the prairie?



Part 3: Being a Historian (Creating Context)

Using the timeline, provide the date for when three methods of transportation that Sarah used were invented:

Part 4: Mini Task

Create a Google Map that describes her journey west. At each location you tag, provide a picture of the transportation Sarah used.

