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Another assignment asked students: "Pretend you are a settler or explorer in your region. Create a week-long journal about your expedition. Include dates as well as details about your travels."

*March 7, 1784*

*I found Indians with medicine and gave it to Mama, sister, and brother. Mama and sister are healthy now, but brother and Papa are still sick. We have more food and supplies, but our feet are very sore, and we cannot travel much longer. We are still in the Coastal Plain, and we have no money for anything. Mama can't buy blankets and clothes from Indians for Papa and brother, so we are in bad shape. I pray every night before bed and before I eat, asking God to make Papa and brother well. We leave again tomorrow, and hope for the best. Mama is making shoes so it will be easier to travel on foot.*

*March 8, 1784*

*Our shoes are finished, and brother is healthy, but Papa is still sick. Brother can take out his knife and go kill some squirrels for food, and he also takes out Papa's gun to kill some deer. I went to help him this morning, so we will have a feast tonight.*

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