

Teacher Script to Prompt Hypothesis for Students

Before any students present, have the students hypothesize ...

SAY: In box 1 answer the following question based on what you know- "What is going on?"

After document 3- ask the students to hypothesize-

SAY: In box 2 hypothesize- "How were Mary and her fellow captives treated?"

After Document 8-

SAY- Mary was eating food she never thought she would eat, including acorns, ground-beans, bear, venison, beaver, tortoise, frogs, squirrels, skunks, and even bark of trees.

"Why did Mary eat liver tree bark rather than waiting for food she would rather have?"

Lastly- After all of the documents-

SAY- Now that you have all of the facts, is this a diary that was left and found after her death at the hands of the Native Americans? Or did she live to tell her own story?

Answer to last question- Mary was ultimately sold back to her husband for twenty British pounds, which she negotiated herself. She continued in her Puritan ways of worship and wrote this narrative, which created intense interest in Britain as well as the colonies for its portrayal of the dangers of colonial life.