

Across the Wide Dark Sea

(Grade 3 Theme 5 Selection 1 Summary)

My family waved good-bye to our friends and home. I looked out at the wide dark sea. It never seemed to end. We were going to cross that huge sea in a ship to get to a strange new land.	13 28 40
Our journey was hard. The cramped little ship was full of people and things. It was cold and wet. There were storms. Waves crashed and the wind blew. Our ship cracked and leaked. Many people were seasick.	52 64 76 77
Months later, we saw land. We were happy. But what would the land be like? Were there people there? We did not know.	89 100
We built a settlement town. Soon a bad winter came. Many people were sick and hungry. Half of them did not survive.	112 122
In spring, Indians came to our settlement. They taught us how to catch fish and grow crops. We would have food to eat next winter.	135 147
In April, we watched our ship sail back to our old home. Now we were along in the new land. I felt scared and sad. Then I looked at our town and crops. I felt proud. I saw how much we had done. I knew we had much more work to do. So I turned around and walked back to my new home.	161 177 192 207 210