

## United States: Far West

*by Jean Peddicord, age 15*

I can't see how anyone would want to live anywhere but California. I know I couldn't. Our family tried it once. A few years ago we moved to Connecticut so we could be closer to the company Dad works for. He's a book salesman. It was fun, at first. Meeting new kids was cool. The change of seasons was neat, especially the fall when the leaves were so pretty. But then winter came. I didn't know there was that much ice and snow in the whole world. And hardly any sunshine. I thought the good weather would never come. I kept myself going with California Burgers and dreaming about outdoor tennis and skateboarding.

Then one day Mom and Dad said, "We're going back." Was I ever happy! Of course I miss my eastern friends. But we write to each other, and I'm sure we'll see each other again.

1. Why did the author's family move to Connecticut?
- A They needed to be closer to the company where his dad worked.
  - B They had relatives there and wanted to be close to them.
  - C They wanted to move east because of the weather.

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2. Which season in Connecticut did the author dislike the most?
- A spring
  - B winter
  - C fall

3. In the first paragraph, what does the author mean by “hardly any sunshine”?
- A lots of sunshine
  - B only a little sunshine
  - C no sunshine at all

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4. What did the author miss about California?
- A skateboarding and outdoor tennis
  - B the change of seasons
  - C ice and snow

5. How did the author feel about moving back to California?
- A unsure
  - B happy
  - C sad

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6. What does the author do after moving back to California?
- A looks at the fall leaves
  - B writes to friends in Connecticut
  - C goes sledding in the snow

## End of Sample Items

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<b>Selection Title</b>	<b>Question Number</b>	<b>Correct Answer</b>	<b>Thinking Skill</b>	<b>Objective Number</b>
United States: Far West	1	A	Knowledge	2.04
United States: Far West	2	B	Analyzing	2.04
United States: Far West	3	B	Analyzing	1.04
United States: Far West	4	A	Applying	2.04
United States: Far West	5	B	Analyzing	2.04
United States: Far West	6	B	Organizing	2.04