SITUATION: You have been on the trail for nearly three months and have faced many challenges and problems. After previous water problems such as dried-up water holes and armed guards denying you water, now the summer rains have finally come. It has rained steadily for the last three days and consequently the trail has been almost impassable at times. Your wagons have been bogging down in deep mud holes, small streams have grown wide, deep and fast, and now you have reached the Cheyenne Crossing. As you look across the river through falling rain, you see a normally small, peaceful river that has been swollen by the heavy rains to a width of one-quarter mile. Its current seems to be running dangerously fast.

ENTRY: Write a diary entry about your travels since you left Ft. Independence. Mention some of the major happenings that have occurred along the trail to you and to other members of your wagon train. Also tell about the rains and how they have changed your trip. As you look across the raging Cheyenne River, do you believe you can cross it safely? Also, what do you expect to find along the rest of the trail? Finally, has your attitude concerning travel by wagon train changed?