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Story 20

Part 2 of 5

“Fairview Farewell”

Part 2 of 5: Thursday, April 16, 1778

Directions

1. Read the story
2. Find the five errors
3. Mark the errors using the key

Thursday, April 16, 1778

Dear Father,

It is hard to believe that nearly two years have passed since I left Long Island. I hope you and the farm still flourish, despite the British presence, and I am sorry for my lack of correspondence. I am well. Since my mission for General Washington, I have been settled on the bank of a river along the New Jersey coast.

My settlement has grown into something of a small town, which we call Fairview. After burying general Washington's gold, I soon met several local farmers sympathetic to the colonial cause. We planted crops and I built a small cabin and lookout station on the hill overlooking the river. As the months passed, word of the British occupation of Philadelphia and General Washington's difficulties at Valley Forge spread throughout New Jersey. Frightened townspeople began flocking to my safe settlement. Fearful that the British would soon triumph, these people brought with them to Fairview their most cherished belongings.

Our town now has so many residents that we have constructed a small schoolhouse. My neighbors and I intend to bury the treasures they have brought with them — jewelry, gold, silver, and more — under the foundation of our schoolhouse for safekeeping.

I tell you this, Father, so you will not lose the treasures if the British take Fairview. I hope we will be reunited one day soon. Until then, stay safe.

Your son,
Thomas

Key

- Spelling error
- Add punctuation
- Capitalize letter
- Remove word
- Wrong word
- Move word
- Make letter lower case

Checklist

1.
2.
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5.

Question

According to Thomas's letter, how did the young town of Fairview start to grow?