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Story 28

Part 1 of 5

“The Little Magician”

Part 1 of 5: My Dear Thomas

Directions

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

Executive Mansion, Washington

April 11, 1839

My Dear Thomas,

How magnificent it will feel to be back in Fairview in only a few short days! My dear friend, I believe I have never been in greater need of the piece of your tiny hamlet and the seclusion of your wooded cabin. The pressures of this office have all but exhausted me. If only I could shut my eyes right here at my desk and, upon opening them, be seated in a rocking chair on your quiet porch looking out upon your tranquil river.

As it is, I must bear the carriage's slow toil north, through the forests and hills. Thankfully, those will be the only roads I will travel during this holiday. As mentioned in my last letter, after my week in Fairview, we'll be met near the river by a great wooden ship, which will then carry us both home to New York.

This office has indeed tired me, Thomas, and I must now make a confession. The business of government is still my chief love, but lately I have been spending an improper amount of time on my other great interesting. In fact, I will be bringing with me to Fairview something I have been working on lately, a project that gives me true excitement. I am eager to share it with you upon my arrival, but it must remain a secret us between.

Yours sincerely,
M. Van Buren

Key

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

Checklist

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Question

Why is Martin so excited to get to Fairview?