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its details support it.

**-April 3, 1930-**

Today is a day I will always remember. We are about to leave our home to move out West. Pa says, “Sarah, today is the day we go to find a better life.”

This morning, I took one last walk around our home before Pa woke up. The land is so beautiful. We have a huge apple orchard. Hundreds of apple trees cover our backyard. Their flower blossoms are just beginning to open. I am going to miss climbing the trees and picking apples.

I think I will miss our house most of all. My grandfather built it before I was born. I have lived here all of my nine years. Saying good-bye is hard.

I can hear Pa calling me, but he does not see me. I am sitting by the river that runs behind our house. Pa and I caught lots of fish here. They practically jumped into our boat and said, “Catch me!”

I wonder what the next few months will be like. California is a long way from here. Pa says the trip will be long and hard. There will be no time for horsing around. I wonder what I will write about in my journal in the weeks ahead. I hope my new home is a s special as this one.

**EXTENDED-RESPONSE QUESTION**

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| Use the journal entry above that was written long ago to answer the questions below. | |
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| 1. Identify TWO key details that support the main idea of this passage. 2. Explain how ONE of the key details you chose in A supports the main idea of the passage. Use specific examples from the text to support your answer. |