

Chapter Fourteen Pages 150 – 162

1. Write a definition for the underlined words using context clues or a dictionary.

a. “His wanderings with Wallace and Natka had usually left little time for preening.” (p. 150)

preening – _____

b. “The clear, dry air was gone and the usual humid heat of summer had returned.”(p. 150)

humid – _____

c. “Deep and black, they watched the proceedings with a silky disdain that even Lieutenant Jeffrey Lindsay could never have matched.” (p. 152)

disdain – _____

d. “Oyan said something to Pontiac in their own tongue.” (p. 152)

tongue – _____

Imagine that you are a character in *A Circle of Silver*. Imagine that you are experiencing the same adventures that John MacNeil, Wallace Doig, Jane MacNeil, Pontiac, Pierre LaButte or any of the others.

Choose one such event or adventure and write a paragraph describing your feelings, fears, observations, hopes and concerns.

Descriptive writing uses many well chosen adjectives and other literary devices, such as similes, to create effective and vivid images for the reader. Try to add as many descriptive details as possible to your writing.

Here is a list of possible topics but there are many, many more from which to choose:

- experiencing the marketplace in Plymouth, England
- sailing on the H.M.S. Amazon
- arriving in Canada for the first time
- seeing war torn Quebec
- exploring the wilderness with Wallace and Natka
- being washed overboard during the storm
- enduring the long, harsh winter at Fort Detroit
- confronting Major Gladwin about cutting down your apple orchard
- meeting Pontiac
- meeting Marie and Samuel
- sailing on the Swift
- camping outdoors in the winter on the journey to Albany