

Polly Bemis: A Chinese American Pioneer

Name _____

Date _____

READING - RESPONSE

1.) Write two ways that Polly's life is different from those of a girl her age today.

2.) Polly and Charlie's cabin on the Salmon River did not have running water. It also had no television or radio. What do you think they did for fun?

3.) Tell 3 differences between getting food to eat in the lives of Charlie and Polly and in your life.

4.) How would Polly get to the town of Grangeville from her home on the river?

5.) Polly and Charlie had horses and Teddy, their dog. What other pet did Charlie have?

6.) What might be some of the problems with having this pet?

7.) Polly loved her life on the Salmon River. Tell what you would or would not like about living all year on the Salmon River in the early 1900s.

8.) There are many things about Polly's life that we do not know. Below, write some of the questions you have about Polly and her life in China, in Warren, on the Salmon River, and in Grangeville.

9.) EXTRA CREDIT

Find out where your ancestors were in the years of Polly's life, 1853-1933.

Were they in Idaho? Did they live in a city or in the country? What can you find out about them?
