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Preparing to Write: What Happened?

The writing prompt on page 29 says:

Who was the woman in the message? What clues does the author give you?
Answer both questions in an essay. Use text evidence.

Follow the directions below to help you organize the ideas you will use in your response.

Who was the woman in the message?

Complete the sentence below:

1. In Sarah McCarry's story "The Message," the woman in the message was _____.

What clues does the author give you?

McCarry doesn't directly state who the woman is, but instead she gives readers clues. Readers must infer who she is. Complete the sentences in numbers 2 and 3 to identify clues McCarry gives readers. Provide text evidence as well as commentary that explains how that text evidence supports your inference.

2. One way I know the woman in the message is _____ is because of the details McCarry includes about the woman's _____.

Text Evidence (be sure to include page numbers):

Commentary:

What clues does the author give you? (cont'd)

3. Another reason I know the woman in the message is _____ is because of the details McCarry includes about the woman's _____.

Text Evidence:

Commentary:

Are there any other details that helped you understand who the woman in the message was? If so, write them on the back of this page.