

## Barilla's Letter to her Parents – Sunday, July 14, 1844 Worksheet



1. What does Barilla say that surprises or disappoints her most about her living arrangements?  
How did she take control of her situation? Support your answers with evidence from the text.
  
2. Is there anything that surprises you about Barilla's living arrangements?  
If you were in Barilla's situation, what would you feel and do about the living arrangements?
  
3. In her letter, Barilla mentions family (mother, father, her brother Byron, and Uncle Elwin) and friends (Susan, John, Judith, Dana and Delano).  
How does Barilla stay connected with her family and life in her hometown of Roxbury, Maine?  
How is Barilla affected by her ability, or lack of ability, to stay connected to her family? Cite from the letter to support your claims.