

The sun shone all summer and fall. Not a drop of rain fell. When winter came, the storehouse was empty. Thus, the American Colonists raided the Algonquians' food, causing them to become bitter enemies. People ate their horses, dogs, cats, and even rats. The Colonists resorted to boiling their boots, belts, and every scrap of leather to make broth. People wandered about in the woods in search of snakes or edible roots. Most of them never returned to the settlement.

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- STEP 1 **Read/View the text.**
- STEP 2 **Read the question.**
- STEP 3 **List relevant details.**
- STEP 4 **Put thoughts together.**
- STEP 5 **Determine what they mean.**

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