Prairie Farmers QUESTIONS
Read the questions. Re-read the text. Then think through the answers.
Choose the best answer for each item. After you answer the questions, check with another student to learn and why they chose their answers.

1. Why did the family decide to farm in this place?
   a. There are many bison.
   b. There is grass for their cows.
   c. They don’t have to cut down trees.
   d. There is lots of rain.

2. What did the mother predict would happen in autumn?
   a. lightning would burn the home
   b. there would be fires
   c. the harvest would be big
   d. they would move

3. Why might the Potowatomi called this area Checago?
   a. because they liked onions
   b. because it had a long winter
   c. because spring plants were welcome
   d. because it snowed a lot

4. Which of the following is the most important part of the story?
   a. they get coal from the neighbor
   b. the snow melts
   c. they build a fence
   d. they get a steel plow

5. Which of the following is most likely on the farm?
   a. the farm will get bigger
   b. there will be more and more fires
   c. there will be more bison
   d. there will be more snow

6. Why did the family look for onions?
   a. Mr. Johnson told them to
   b. they wanted to know it was spring
   c. the Potowatomi liked them
   d. they had planted them

7. What is the main idea of the diary?
   a. farming is important
   b. farming is fun
   c. farming is difficult
   d. farming is progress

8. What might Mr. Johnson have said about his neighbors?
   a. they learned a lot from me
   b. I learned a lot from them
   c. they have a lot of problems
   d. they will leave soon

Picture Connections
Choose one of the diary entries.
Draw a picture that shows what the diary reports.
Give your picture to another student.
Ask that student to figure out which part of the diary your picture shows.