***Mary Rowlandson – A Narrative of the Captivity***

1. Who is King Phillip? Explain how he was different from his father .
2. Explain why the war between the colonists and the American Indians was inevitable.
3. Why did the Wampanoag raiding party capture Mary Rowlandson and her children?
4. Explain how Mary Rowlandson’s narrative provides insight into both the physical and spiritual significance of her ordeal.
5. After the death of her youngest child, Mary mentions the “goodness of God.” Are you surprised by her enduring faith, or does this make sense to you? Explain your point of view.
6. What is a praying Indian?
7. For what was Mary’s other daughter sold?
8. What small blessing does Mary receive that gives her hope to continue?
9. What small item is given to Mary by the Indians. Provide 2 examples of how this item has helped her to see God’s will/grace throughout her captivity.
10. What evidence can you find that proves the conditions for the Indians were only slightly better than that of their prisoners.
11. King Phillip offers Mary tobacco – a sacred substance to the Indians who see it as a symbol of the bones of the First Mother. Why does Mary refuse the tobacco, and what do you imagine was King Phillip’s reaction to her?
12. Why do you think Mary makes it a point to state that she was never physically harmed by her captors?

**Short Writing Prompt**

In one paragraph, explain how Mary’s attitude toward her captors changes from the beginning of the narrative to the end. Use examples from the text to support your analysis. Use the space below or a separate sheet of paper.