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Quick Questions



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Answers



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Accept any sensible answer linked to the text, e.g. Anne and Mary dressed as men so that they could become pirates as they knew that women were not allowed.



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