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Clues:

1. The title reads ‘1856’
2. Susan is wearing a bonnet.
3. Susan’s family travels in steam train.

My conclusion:

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1. Susan's family has heard about the seaside, but has never been.
2. People who go to the seaside are lucky.

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2. Susan thinks of both good and bad stories.
3. Susan smiles at the end of the passage.

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Clues:

1. The title reads ‘1856’
2. Susan is wearing a bonnet.
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My conclusion:

Possible response: The story took place a long time ago.

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1. Susan's family has heard about the seaside, but has never been.
2. People who go to the seaside are lucky.

My conclusion:

Possible response: Susan's family is going to the seaside for the first time.

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My conclusion:

Possible response: Susan is both scared and excited about her journey.

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Answers will vary.
