Please read 1,2, & 3 **and** either 4 **or** 5. Remember we are looking for character!!

Audition:

1. Elizabeth: Hi! I'm Elizabeth Horrocks Jackson, one of the saints who came to the Salt Lake Valley in 1856 by handcart. I, along with my husband Aaron and our kids, traveled with the Martin Company. It will be my pleasure to help Brother Savage tell our stories! It all started in 1855, when President Brigham Young introduced the handcart system as a means for poor families to be able to emigrate to the Salt Lake Valley affordably. Over the next few years, ten companies came across the plains. Both the Martin and Willie Companies came in the latter part of 1856.
2. Elizabeth: Embarking on this journey brought with it very few of the comforts we were so accustomed to, but it also provided an opportunity for us to move our families to a land which would more readily accept our treasured faith. For some pioneer families, this move would require much sacrifice. Elizabeth Simpson Haigh Bradshaw was one such pioneer. Departing from Liverpool, England, in 1856, she left behind much wealth from her family's business. You see, the Simpsons were clock makers by trade and the inventors of the grandfather clock. She was also the only member in her family and was not supported in her decision to go, so leaving also meant she would never see her family again.
3. Elizabeth:"I have a desire to leave a record of those scenes and events, thru which I have passed, that my children, down to my latest posterity may read what their ancestors were willing to suffer, and did suffer, patiently for the Gospel's sake. And I wish them to understand, too, that what I now word is the history of hundreds of others, both men, women and children, who have passed thru many like scenes for a similar cause, at the same time we did. I also desire them to know that it was in obedience to the commandments of the true and living God, and with the assurance of an eternal reward - an exaltation to eternal life in His kingdom - that we suffered these things. I hope, too, that it will inspire my posterity with fortitude to stand firm and faithful to the truth, and be willing to suffer, and sacrifice all things they may be required to pass thru for the Kingdom of God's sake."

4. Elizabeth: Another story was that of James Loader. He and his wife, Amy were of considerable age and felt that making this journey would not be wise. However, many of those closest to them criticized this choice, even going as far as to say that they were apostatizing. Such talk hurt his heart, as he had always been a man of great faith.
5. Elizabeth: Another saint…is Elizabeth Bradshaw. At times, the best she could do was to boil her children a broth made from whatever she could find… even an old worn out shoe could make a decent broth. Each of us mothers had our hearts broken and torn by how little we could give to our children for nourishment…Despite our fear and concerns for our families, it seemed in nearly every situation in which we faced starvation, the Lord provided a way for us to be fed both temporally and spiritually.