Please read **both** 1**&**2. T**hen** read either 3 **or** 4. Remember we are looking for character!!

Audition:

1. Levi: How do you do? The name's Levi Savage Jr. I will be one of your guides on this journey. I was one of the sub-captains in the Willie Handcart company. Under my charge were nearly 100 saints emigrating to the Salt Lake valley from Europe. Over 1000 saints came across the plains between the Willie and Martin Handcart Companies. Of these, roughly 980 made it to the Salt Lake Valley and over 200 perished along the way. The Martin company, composed mainly of English saints; and the Willie, saints from Denmark, Ireland, Scotland, England, and Wales… Some left difficult relationships and those they loved behind and others lost loved ones along the way, making for a bittersweet experience…. Each of these saints had their own stories. Let me start by telling you about one of the families that traveled in my company; the Cunninghams, James and Elizabeth, who came from Scotland. One winter morning, their daughter, Elizabeth "Betsy" Cunningham, was found in a comatose state, believed to have frozen to death. Through much effort and faith on the part of her parents and a mighty miracle from the Lord, they were able to revive her body and she was able to make it to the Salt Lake Valley with her family; thus fulfilling the promised blessing her mother received prior to their departure that if they were faithful, all the members of their family would arrive safely in Zion.

2. Levi: "Brother Willey exhorted us to go forward regardless of suffering even to death. After he had spoken, he gave me the opportunity of speaking. I said to him that if I spoke I must speak my mind, let it cut where it would. He expressed his approval and speaking to the saints in the company I said: "We are liable to have to wade in snow up to our knees and shovel at night, lay ourselves in a thin blanket and lie on the frozen ground without a bed. We are without wagons, destitute of clothing and could not carry it if we had it. I fear for the old and the weak, that their bodies [should] strew the way. The handcart system I do not condemn. It is the lateness of the season." Brother Willey then spoke again saying that the God whom he served was a God who was able to save to the uttermost and had the saints vote on whether they felt to go forward or to wait here till spring…. It was decided, these saints exercising their faith chose to move forward. I then readdressed the company saying, "What I have said, I know to be true! [Yet], seeing you are to go forward, I will go with you, will help all I can, will work with you, will rest with you, and if necessary, I will die with you…may God in his mercy bless and preserve us."

3. Levi: Thomas Dobson of the Martin company had taken a great interest in a young lady named Ester Stock, who had truly been a light for him on this journey. Sadly, she too succumbed to the perils of this trek, and with heavy heart, Thomas Dobson, who was serving on the burial squad at the time, had to bury her.

4. Levi: On the night of November 6, 1856, Archibald's wife sat lovingly with his head on her knee and prayed that a small piece of tallow candle she had burning might last until Archibald passed away. Her prayer was answered, for the light of the candle and the life of her husband went out at the same moment. Archibald had made the ultimate sacrifice..