**Reading Analysis Questions: Witch of Blackbird Pond, Ch. 2**

Directions: Read chapter 2, then answer the questions below in detail using complete sentences.

“Along with her pretty shoes, Kit’s spirits sank lower at each step. She had clutched at a hope that the dark fringe of dripping trees might somehow be concealing the town she had anticipated. But as they plodded along the dirt road past wide stumpy fields, her last hopes died. There was no fine town of Wethersfield. There was a mere settlement, far more lonely and dreary than Saybrook.” (29)

1. What is the tone of the passage above? Which words from the passage emphasize this tone?
2. When Kit is first introduced to her aunt, why is she “impatient when the captain removed his hat and spoke with courtesy”? How do the two women finally recognize each other?
3. What is Nat alluding to when he says, “Remember… only the guilty ones stay afloat”? Why is this reminder important for Kit?
4. How welcoming is the Wood family when her aunt introduces her to her uncle and two cousins? Give specific details for each person.
5. How do Kit’s clothes emphasize the fact that she does not fit in with the lifestyle and norms of her new family and Wetherfield? Give at least 2 examples.

“All her life, whenever her grandfather had asked her a question he had expected a direct answer. Now, in this stern man facing her, so totally different from her grandfather, Kit sensed the same quality of directness and out of instinctive respect she gave the only honest answer she could.” (36)

1. How does the above passage characterize Kit and her grandfather’s relationship?
2. Why did Kit come all the way from Barbados? Explain the details of her situation.
3. How does the uncle, Matthew Wood appear to feel about Kit’s arrival? Give evidence to support your opinion.
4. Research the following topic and add the information to your powerpoint: Royalists in Early America.
5. Research the following topic and add the information to your powerpoint: Puritans in Connecticut colony.