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Written Document Analysis Worksheet

(1) Type of document (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorandum | <input type="checkbox"/> Map | <input type="checkbox"/> Telegram |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter | <input type="checkbox"/> Press release | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertisement | <input type="checkbox"/> Report |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patent | <input type="checkbox"/> Congressional record | <input type="checkbox"/> Census report | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

(2) Unique physical characteristics of the document (check one or more):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Handwritten | <input type="checkbox"/> Interesting letterhead | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Typed | <input type="checkbox"/> Seals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notations | <input type="checkbox"/> "Received" stamp | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

(3) Date(s) of document: April 30th 1863

(4) Author or creator of document: Emily Meredith

Title or position of author: Gold Miner

(5) For what audience was the document written? For the Father

(6) List three things the author said that you think are important.

a. From here & sold this spring for \$3000

b. It is difficult to know just how to write home about this country

c. Fortunately none of the forebodings were prophetic

(7) Why do you think this document was written? To tell her father about how her life and stuff like that

(8) What evidence in the document helps you to know why it was written? Quote from the document. "I have felt so uncertain about the various letters I have written home since my arrival"

(9) List two things the document tells you about life in the United States at the time it was written.

a. April 30th 1863

b. Bannack City, Idaho

(10) Write a question to the author that is left unanswered by the document. Why did you sell the spring