Chapter One - The Model T Ford Touring Car, 1916 - Discussion Questions

PART A – Complete this part after reading Chapter One
Recalling
1. How far (miles) is it from St. Louis, Missouri to Grand Tower, Illinois?
2. List and briefly describe the characters traveling to Grand Tower.
3. Who does not go on the trip? Why not?
4. How long does it take the Dr. Hutchings and his sons to travel that distance? Why does it take so long?
5. What is happening in history at this moment in time – 1916?
6. List three things they must do along the way.
7. What story does Dad tell the boys while on the trip?
8. List and briefly describe the family members they visit in Grand Tower.

Extending and Connecting
1. What do you think the roads were like in 1916?
2. How many miles per hour do you think Dr. Hutchings may have driven? Explain how you arrived at your answer.
3. How long do you think it would take to travel that distance today? Why?
4. Have you ever gone on a driving vacation? Where did you go? How long did it take you to get there?
5. Why do you think Dr. Hutchings was really making the trip?

PART B – Complete this part after examining Primary Source #1 and #2

Positive aspects of traveling in a Model A Ford

Negative Aspects of Traveling in a Model A Ford

What do you think it may have been like to travel from St Louis to Grand Tower in a Model A Ford in 1916?