Dear Diary,

I’ve never done anything like this before. Father has asked me to accompany him on a journey up the Nile. It’s good that I’m going with him now. At 12, I’m still free to be a child. A year from now, mother has “promised” me that I will be married[[1]](#endnote-1). I can’t stand the thought, but it is my people’s custom. We will be leaving in the morning, having fashioned our craft from reeds[[2]](#endnote-2). It doesn’t seem too safe, but father has done this before, so I trust him.

We will be trading cucumbers, figs and hummus on this trip, hoping to return with animal skins…

Traits of Historical Fiction

* Plot based on true, historical facts
* Places are real
* Some events real, some not
* Characters are sometimes real, sometimes not
* Conflict exists
* To make it seem real: setting, clothes, food, people of the time, housing, transportation, titles (captain)

1. [www.eygptiscool.com](http://www.eygptiscool.com) : Girls were married by the age of 13. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. SS Book, World History and Ancient Civilizations, pg 154. The boats were made out of reeds. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)