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Quick Questions



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Answers



1. What year did this event happen in?

Accept: 1879.



2. 'They could see it too!'

What does this sentence tell you about what the girls might have been thinking at first?

Accept answers which discuss the fact that the girls thought they could have been mistaken, imagining it or they were the only people who could see it.



3. How do you think the people felt when they saw this? Explain your answer.

Accept any relevant emotion, such as shocked, delighted, confused, provided that a reasonable explanation is also given to accompany.



4. What do you think the girls did next?

Accept any reasonable prediction in line with the events in the story, e.g. 'went into the church to tell the priest', 'ran home to tell their parents'.