Here is the Dialogue immediately preceding this extract (conversational context):

“Judge: Mr. Gaskins, you can call your next witness, please.

Judge: Amanda Hayes.

Judge: Okay.

Judge: Ms.

Judge: Hayes, come around.

Judge: Ms.

Judge: Warren.

Judge: Put your left hand on the Bible, please.

Judge: Raise your right hand.

Judge: Praise the Lord, please.

Judge: Would you state your name, please?

Amanda Hayes: My name is Amanda Smith-Hayes.

Judge: Amanda, did you kill Laura Ackerson?

Amanda Hayes: No, sir, I did not.

Judge: Did you help Grant kill Laura Ackerson?

Amanda Hayes: I absolutely did not.

Judge: Were you present when Grant killed Laura Ackerson?

Amanda Hayes: No, sir, I was not.

Judge: Did you know that Laura had died before you got to Texas?

Amanda Hayes: No, sir.

Judge: Let me ask you, if you will, let's go back now.

Judge: Tell the jury, if you will, about your adolescent years.

Amanda Hayes: I was born in Durango, Colorado.

Amanda Hayes: My mother was a single mother.

Amanda Hayes: I have two older sisters, Karen Berry and Dory Garner.

Amanda Hayes: I have one older brother.

Amanda Hayes: I was quite a bit younger than all of them, so I primarily grew up by myself.

Amanda Hayes: I lived back and forth from Texas and New Mexico until I was about six years old.

Amanda Hayes: At that point, my mother married my stepfather.

Amanda Hayes: We lived in New Mexico until I was approximately in fifth grade.

Amanda Hayes: And then my father's job ended, and so he had to start traveling.

Amanda Hayes: And my mother and I started traveling with him.

Amanda Hayes: And I grew up in various parts of the United States.

Judge: Were there various times when you went to live with your sister, Karen Berry?

Amanda Hayes: Yes, sir.

Judge: Would you tell us about that?

Amanda Hayes: Whenever I was little, my oldest nephew is two years younger than I am, and so he and I were always very close.

Amanda Hayes: And so whenever I was really little, I spent a lot of time with her.

Amanda Hayes: And then whenever I was a freshman in high school, I went and lived with her.

Judge: When you refer to your cousin?

Judge: My nephew, my oldest nephew, that's correct.

Judge: You're talking about Karen's son?

Judge: Yes, sir.

Judge: Which son are you talking about?

Amanda Hayes: His name is Daniel.

Judge: Now, what was the age difference between you and Daniel?

Amanda Hayes: Two years.

Amanda Hayes: I'm two years older than he is.

Judge: When the first time that you went to live with your sister Karen, how old were you?

Amanda Hayes: Probably about maybe three or four.

Amanda Hayes: I remember being very small.

Amanda Hayes: My mom was living in Arizona and I remember going to stay with her.

Judge: And later you went back and spent more time with her.

Amanda Hayes: Yes, sir.

Judge: What was the relationship that you had with your sister Karen?

Amanda Hayes: She and I have always been very, very close.

Amanda Hayes: She and my mother were not so close, and so my mom, you know, tried to kind of prohibit me from seeing her a lot during my life growing up, which actually probably made us closer, just the defiance, you know.

Judge: Did your sister Karen assume some of the parenting responsibilities personally?

Amanda Hayes: Definitely.

Amanda Hayes: She definitely treated me just like her kids.

Amanda Hayes: You know, she has two daughters that are also in the same age range as I am, that I'm very close with also, whenever I was growing up.

Amanda Hayes: And she just treated me just like I got grounded and spankings and everything, just like the rest of them.

Judge: She treated you just like she treated one of her own children?

Judge: Yes.

Judge: Is that correct?

Judge: approximately 16 or 17 years old of age.

Judge: Tell us what happened then.

Amanda Hayes: Well whenever I was right before I turned 16 my mom and my stepdad split up and my mom went back to New Mexico and at that time I went back to be with her.

Amanda Hayes: I guess I was just rebelling

Amanda Hayes: I had met a man, his name was Scott Elmer, and he and I started dating, and I wanted to get married.

Amanda Hayes: My mom put some stipulations on it that, you know, I would finish school and not have any kids until after I got out of school.

Amanda Hayes: And I agreed to all of them, but then I didn't follow through with any of them.

Amanda Hayes: So we ended up having a little girl.

Amanda Hayes: Her name is Shay.

Judge: When was Shay born?

Amanda Hayes: She was born in 1989.

Amanda Hayes: I was 17.”

Here is the conversation between Amanda Hayes and the judge/attorney that you are supposed to analyze for factuality:

“Judge: And tell us about your relationship with Scott.

Amanda Hayes: We were married for two years and we divorced whenever she was about 10 months old.

Amanda Hayes: And basically we were just too young.

Amanda Hayes: We didn't really know what marriage was even supposed to be about.

Amanda Hayes: And so.

Amanda Hayes: You know, just I knew that I wanted to go to school.

Amanda Hayes: He was very jealous.

Amanda Hayes: He really didn't want me to work or go to school or even to go to the grocery store.”