A Cat, A Parrot, and a Bag of Seed

1. Define the problem
2. The problem is transporting the items across the river without leaving the wrong items together.
3. Looking at the problem, the greatest insight I can offer is the lack of logic and context offered. The question does not describe the size of the items. Nor does it take into account that one of the items has the ability to cross the river without the need for the boat.
4. The overall goal is to have all of the items on the other side of the river.
5. Break the problem apart
6. The constraints are the items that can be left together and the size of the boat.
7. The sub-goals are not leaving the wrong items together and successfully getting both items to the other side of the river.
8. Identify potential solutions
9. There are many possible solutions to this issue. For instance, the man could take multiple items if he was to hold one in his lap. Another solution is to take the seed and the cat and allow the parrot to fly across the river.