HBH III. Promises

Get together with a partner, fold the sheet along the vertical line and interview each other on the quotes. The bits in *italics* give you a clue as to the correct answer. Partner A starts.

Partner A	Partner B
1. How did Lily manage to travel to Red Lake on horseback? *– She followed an old Indian Trail west, in each town she passed through she asked the shopkeepers for advice and directions. It took her 28 days.*	2. What kind of adventures did she run into during her trip? *– A half-Navajo woman tried to rob her – to no avail. Although she was dirty and worn out, she succeeded in getting to Red Lake on her own.*
3. Why did Lily only get a temporary teaching job? *– She was not a certified teacher and didn't have an eighth-grade education.*	4. Where did teachers live at the time? *– They either stayed at a teacherage next to the schoolhouse or they slept IN the school. Lily, in fact, slept on the floor of the school.*
5. Where did her students come from? *– Most of them came from back east (immigrant children) and were very poor. They were of all ages and abilities.*	6. What happened after WWI ended? *– Veterans returned home, so Lily was laid off, because the school board preferred employing certified male teachers. She was told to find herself a husband.*
7. Describe the state the farm was in when Lily returned home. *– Buster and his wife Dorothy were running the place. Helen had reached marrying age and had high-flying plans about becoming an actress in LA.*	8. What made Lily decide to go to Chicago? *– She decided on striking out on her own because she realized that her father wouldn't allow new technologies, e.g. automobiles, used on the farm, and the future prospects for the farm would therefore be less promising. She wanted to find new job opportunities and didn't want to wait for a husband or end up as a spinster.*
9. Why was it difficult for her to find and eventually keep a job? *– City people expected her to have skills. She took on a job as a maid, but being cleverer than the mistress of the house and not keeping her head down led to her being laid off again.*	10. What events took place in Chicago at the time? *– Women marched for the right to vote and Lily took part in some rallies.*
11. What happened to her friend Minnie? *– Her hair was trapped in a machine, she was pulled into the grinding gears and died.*	12. How did Lily react to her friend's death? *– She cut her own hair, which went neatly with the new style of the Chicago flappers. Men started to take notice of her then.*
13. Why did she have the short marriage to Ted Conover annulled and what did she decide on doing afterwards? *– She found out he had previously been married. She left Chicago (aged 27) to start teaching again because then she had felt needed.*	14. Do you think the title of this part, 'Promises' justified? If not, what else would you suggest? – Be prepared to explain your decision. *– Individual answers.*