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Assignment Title: Survival Skills

Directions: In his work on psychology, Viktor Frankl, a survivor of the Nazi concentration camps of World War II, claims that survival in the camps depended less on physical endurance and general health than on an internal sense that the experience, no matter how horrifying, had some ultimate meaning for the prisoner. Those who had strong religious faith, committed political views, or even just a strong love of family were far more likely to survive, both physically and mentally. In a standard essay, identify and discuss Mary Rowlandson's ultimate source of strength. How does her story compare with other captivity stories you have read or seen dramatized on TV? Be sure to provide details from Rowlandson's account in your response.