Question 5

Over one million people emigrated from Ireland in the 1840s/1850s. The following sources relate to a ship containing Irish emigrants which arrived in New York on 30 November 1853. Examine the sources and answer the questions which follow.

Source 1: extract from a newspaper report describing the ship and its passengers.

> The ship, *Marathon*, left Liverpool on the 22nd of September, with 522 passengers, mostly Irish. She arrived at New York after a voyage of 59 days, during which she lost 64 persons to an outbreak of cholera.
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> The passengers were in a state of the most wretched poverty and filth. They were lodged on two decks, one above the other. The decks were covered with reeking filth.
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> The passengers' provisions [food supplies] were exhausted three weeks before the ship came into port. Had the ship been delayed for a few days longer, the people would have starved.

Source 2: extract from seven columns in the ship's passenger list.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Rose Moore	25	Female	Servant	Ireland	U.S.A.	
John Fitzpatrick	24	Male	Labourer	Ireland	U.S.A.	
Mary Fitzpatrick	15	Female	Servant	Ireland	U.S.A.	
Johannah Fitzpatrick	40	Female	Servant	Ireland	U.S.A.	
John Fitzpatrick	50	Male	Labourer	Ireland	U.S.A.	Died
John Fitzpatrick	5	Male	Child	Ireland	U.S.A.	
Mary Reilly	29	Female	Servant	Ireland	U.S.A.	Died
Patrick Reilly	9	Male	Child	Ireland	U.S.A.	Died
Margaret Reilly	7	Female	Child	Ireland	U.S.A.	
Bridget Reilly	5	Female	Child	Ireland	U.S.A.	Died

(a) From where did the *Marathon* set sail and how long did the journey take?

Starting point:
Length of journey:

(b) How many of the passengers survived, and how many died, on the voyage to New York?

Survived:	Died:

(c) In Source 1, what were **three** difficulties faced by passengers on the *Marathon*? Support each point with reference to the source.

(d) Suggest a suitable heading for each column in Source 2. Column 6 has been done for you.

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2.
3.
4.
5.
6.   Destination
7.

(e) Margaret Reilly is one of the passengers named in Source 2.
What facts could a historian write about her, using information from **both** sources?