

Teacher’s Guide & Notetaking Templates

Part A: Answer Key for Chapter 1 Worksheet

1. Comprehension Check

- a) The girls are disappointed because they cannot have presents at Christmas due to lack of money.
- b) Marmee reminds them that Christmas is about love and sacrifice, and encourages them to think of others who are less fortunate.
- c) The sisters decide to act like 'pilgrims' and carry their burdens cheerfully, helping others on their journey.

2. Vocabulary & Expressions (Sample Answers)

Word	Meaning	Example Sentence
Pilgrims	Travelers on a journey, often with a spiritual purpose.	The sisters became pilgrims on their journey of sacrifice.
Sacrifice	Giving up something valuable for the sake of others.	They sacrificed their breakfast for the poor family.
Selfish	Thinking only of oneself without regard for others.	At times, she sometimes act selfish when she wants luxury.
Comfort	A state of ease and physical well-being.	Beth gave up comfort to help others feel warm.
Christmas	A holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus.	They celebrated Christmas by sharing instead of receiving.

3. Theme Discussion

The girls agreed to give up their breakfast because they realized others were in greater need. It shows their kindness, compassion, and willingness to sacrifice for others.

4. Character Focus (Examples)

- Meg: Responsible, caring. She may grow into a wise caretaker of the family.
- Jo: Energetic, outspoken. She may grow as a leader and writer.
- Beth: Gentle, selfless. She may grow in quiet strength and humility.

Amy: Artistic, sometimes vain. She may grow in maturity and kindness.

5. Creative Response (Sample Ideas)

a) Drawing: Sisters carrying bundles symbolizing burdens and walking together.

b) Journal Entry (Jo): 'I wanted gifts and comfort, but today I felt the true joy of giving.'

6. Prediction Activity (Examples)

The sisters might continue their pilgrim journey by helping more people. They could face new challenges in keeping up their sacrifices while learning important lessons.

Part B: During Reading Notetaking Templates

1. Double-Entry Journal

Left column: Quote/Event from the chapter. Right column: Your response or connection.

Quote/Event	Your Response / Connection

2. Character Tracker

Track each sister's actions and traits as you read.

Character	What She Did	What This Shows About Her
Meg		
Jo		
Beth		
Amy		

3. Question Stems for During Reading

- I wonder why...
- This reminds me of...
- I predict that...
- This part was confusing because...
- I liked when...