

Quick Check

Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Pioneer's Life

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

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| <p>1. How do you think Laura Ingalls Wilder felt when her books became successful?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ sad Ⓑ surprised Ⓒ curious Ⓓ She was not alive when her books became popular. <p>2. The Ingalls family experienced much _____ after the grasshoppers destroyed their crops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ freedom Ⓑ hardship Ⓒ happiness Ⓓ boredom | <p>3. What happens as a result of Mary wanting to attend a college for the blind?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The whole family moves to another town. Ⓑ She has surgery to correct her vision. Ⓒ Laura takes a job as a teacher to help pay for school for Mary. Ⓓ Mary goes to school and becomes a famous author. <p>4. What happens right before Laura marries Almanzo Wilder?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ He gives her rides home each weekend. Ⓑ She starts writing books. Ⓒ She moves to Rocky Ridge. Ⓓ She moves to Kansas with her family. |
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5. Which sentence best states the main idea of this story?
 - Ⓐ Laura Ingalls Wilder had a challenging life.
 - Ⓑ Laura Ingalls Wilder began teaching at the age of sixteen.
 - Ⓒ Laura Ingalls Wilder enjoyed being in nature as a child.
 - Ⓓ Laura Ingalls Wilder shared her life experiences as a pioneer through the books she wrote, which are still enjoyed by people today.
6. A **homestead** is _____.
 - Ⓐ money received from work
 - Ⓑ a wide, flat plain covered with grasses
 - Ⓒ property given by the government for people to farm
 - Ⓓ a group of people who are the first to settle an area
7. Which statement is true about Laura's experience living in Kansas?
 - Ⓐ Laura and her family only lived there for a year.
 - Ⓑ Laura's house burned down.
 - Ⓒ Grasshoppers ate the family's crop.
 - Ⓓ Laura and her family lived in an apartment above their shop.
8. The people who were among the first to settle in the West were called _____.
 - Ⓐ adventurers
 - Ⓑ explorers
 - Ⓒ pioneers
 - Ⓓ sailors
9. Which event happened after Laura moved to Rocky Ridge?
 - Ⓐ Mary had a stroke and became blind.
 - Ⓑ Laura married Almanzo Wilder.
 - Ⓒ Laura's baby boy died.
 - Ⓓ Laura wrote the book *Little House in the Big Woods*.

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10. The author probably wrote this story to _____.

- Ⓐ convince readers to write a story about their own life
- Ⓑ inform readers about what it is like to live in different parts of the United States
- Ⓒ educate the readers about life in the 1800s
- Ⓓ inform readers about the life of the famous author Laura Ingalls Wilder

11. **Extended Response:** The books by Laura Ingalls Wilder continue to be enjoyed by many people years after they were published. On the basis of what you know about Laura's life, why do you think these books continue to be so popular?

12. **Extended Response:** On the basis of the details in the book, why do you think Laura Ingalls Wilder said, *Home is the nicest word there is*?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Laura Ingalls Wilder

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
5. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
10. Ⓓ *Author's purpose*
11. Students' answers will vary, but students should reference the fact that Laura lived in many different places as a child and was a pioneer; her upbringing was rather unusual.
12. Students' answers will vary, but they should reference the fact that Laura moved often throughout her life and had many homes. Laura had to leave homes during her life for different reasons such as her house burning down. In her later life, Laura was finally able to settle at Rocky Ridge where she made a beautiful home with her husband. Students should explain that it was probably very satisfying for Laura to finally have a permanent home after all of the moving she experienced as a child.