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Prediction: What is a biography? Who is this biography about? Why would a book be called an autobiography?

Chapter 1 Two Bears in the Big Woods Pp. 1-11

Prediction: Will Laura have an encounter with two bears?

Vocabulary List with Definitions (grade appropriate #, page where word is found)

roamed (4, 1) wander; rove; to range or wander over or about

eagerly (3, 2) marked by enthusiastic desire or interest; anxious, keen

trembling (3, 5) to shake involuntarily as with fear or cold; shiver

calico (6, 7) printed cotton fabric

Comprehension Questions

- 1. When Laura saw a bear up close once what was unusual about the encounter? P. 1** She didn't know at the time that it was a bear.
- 2. Why did Pa leave his gun at home that morning? P. 2** He had so many furs to carry he couldn't carry a gun.
- 3. Why were Ma and Laura so surprised to see Sukey, their cow, outside? P. 3** It was too early in the spring for the cow to be out of the barn to graze.
- 4. When Sukey wouldn't move over to let Ma open the gate, what did Ma do? P. 4** She slapped Sukey's shoulder.
- 5. Why did Ma tell Laura quietly to walk back to the house? P. 5** Ma realized the animal she had slapped was a bear.
- 6. Why did Ma latch-string the door? P. 6** Pa had not come home from town yet.
- 7. Why had Pa brought from town? P. 7** He brought candy, calico for new dresses, and a new story.
- 8. When Pa was walking home, what did he meet in the woods, and why was he so worried? P. 8** He saw a bear, and he had left his gun at home.
- 9. How did Pa try to scare the bear? P. 9** Pa shouted at the bear, ran at him, and waved his arms at him.
- 10. Why did Pa discover about the bear? P. 10** It wasn't a bear, just a tree stump.
- 11. Why didn't the bear attack Ma and Laura according to Pa? P.11** The bear knew Ma wasn't afraid.

Chapter 2 Grandpa and the Panther Pp. 12-16

Prediction: Will Grandpa hunt the panther?

Vocabulary List with Definitions (grade appropriate #, page where word is found)

horrible (5, 13) marked by intense fear, dread, or dismay

screamed (3, 13) to cry out loudly and shrilly

terror (4, 14) a state of intense fear; fright, dread, alarm, horror

nudged (5, 14) to touch or push gently as usually in order to seek attention

mercy (5, 14) compassion shown to an offender; a blessing from the divine

Comprehension Questions

1. **What did Pa say Black Susan was like? P. 12** a panther
2. **Why was Grandpa frightened? P. 13** He heard a panther scream, and he had no gun.
3. **What did the panther do? P. 14** It was hungry. It chased Grandpa and his horse.
4. **To what did Pa liken Grandpa, the horse and the panther? P. 15**
Grandpa on his horse was running away from the panther just as a mouse runs from a cat.
5. **How did Grandpa kill the panther before it killed the horse? P. 16** He got to the house and his gun. He shot the panther.

Student's Guide

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- roamed (1)
- eagerly (2)
- trembling (5)
- calico (7)

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The buck was so beautiful, so strong, free, and wild.

Chapters 4-6

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Pa was standing at the window with his gun watching for wolves.

5. How was Pa going to be paid for helping the cowboys? P. 35

He was to get beef for his family to eat.

6. What made Laura feel so badly? P. 47

She had broken her promise to Pa to stay away from the creek.

Chapters 7-8

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He said she wasn't strong enough to hold them if they ran away.

8. Where did Laura want to take Carrie? P. 63

She wanted to take Carrie out on the ice at night to slide.

Vocabulary Worksheet

Name _____

Use the following blanks to list and define vocabulary words chosen from the included word list.

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2. _____ Meaning: _____

3. _____ Meaning: _____

4. _____ Meaning: _____

5. _____ Meaning: _____

6. _____ Meaning: _____

7. _____ Meaning: _____

8. _____ Meaning: _____

9. _____ Meaning: _____

10. _____ Meaning: _____

Comprehension Worksheet

Name _____

Answer five comprehension questions in complete sentences.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Vocabulary and Comprehension Worksheet

Name _____

Use the following blanks to list and define vocabulary words chosen from the word list.

1. _____ Meaning: _____

2. _____ Meaning: _____

3. _____ Meaning: _____

Answer three comprehension questions in complete sentences.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____
