

Chapter 3 The Long Rifle Pp. 45-58

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

thrust (5, 50) stab, pierce, shove, drive with force

thrashing (5, 58) beat, whip, defeat

stout (3, 58) sturdy

Comprehension Questions

1. **How did Mary and Laura help Pa with the hunting? P. 45** They helped him make bullets for his rifle.
2. **What was used to make bullets? Pp. 45-46** long spoon, bits of lead, bullet mold
3. **How did Pa use the long spoon? P. 46** He used the spoon to hold the lead until it melted over the fire, and then he put the melted lead in a bullet mold.
4. **What did Pa use to clean the rifle barrel? P. 47** He used boiling water, a clean cloth and a ramrod.
5. **What did Pa put in the barrel of the gun after the powder was in? P. 50** The lead bullet tamped in with a ramrod.
6. **Why did Pa have to kill an animal with the first shot? P. 52** A wounded bear or panther could kill a man before he got his gun reloaded.
7. **Who was the naughty boy in the story of Pa and the Voice in the Woods? P. 53** Pa
8. **What was Pa's job when he was a boy? P. 53-54** He was to bring the cows straight home, and once he couldn't find the cows.
9. **What reward did Pa get from his pa? P. 58** He was thrashed with a stout switch for not minding.

Key Questions

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2. P. 38 What did the Ingalls use for light at night besides the fireplace?

3. P. 52 Why did Pa have to kill an animal with the first shot from the rifle?

4. P. 74 What did each cousin get for Christmas?

5. P. 87 When Pa's father was a boy when did Sunday begin?

Key Questions Answer Key

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1. P. 7 How did Laura help smoke the meat?

She had to fetch green hickory tree chips to burn to smoke the meat.

2. P. 38 What did the Ingalls use for light at night besides the fireplace?

They had a kerosene lamp.

3. P. 52 Why did Pa have to kill an animal with the first shot from the rifle?

A wounded bear or panther could kill a man before he got his gun reloaded.

4. P. 74 What did each cousin get for Christmas?

They received new mittens and peppermint candy.

5. P. 87 When Pa's father was a boy when did Sunday begin?

Sunday began at sundown on Saturday night.

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Activities

1. Group brainstorming Many pioneer “recipes” for making homemade items are told about in the story. Make a list of all the “recipes” Laura Ingalls Wilder recalls for her readers. (Some of these are smoking meat, making headcheese, etc.)

Now list “homemade” items still made in your home. Have each student make a “recipe” for one of the items “made” today at home. (Items made could include how to record a TV show on a video tape, playing a game on a computer, using a microwave oven, or baking a cake from a cake mix.) The homemade item could be any activity that someone in the future 100 years from now will probably not be able to do because life will have changed so much.

2. Laura seems to have idealized her father. From what Laura tells of her father list character traits he had. Tell in your own words one of the stories told about him or a story he told. Retell the story in your own words that best expresses some of his character traits to you.
3. Laura and her sisters had never been to town until they went with their parents in the story. After re-reading chapter 9 telling of this experience compare a visit to the store for Laura and a visit to one of our shopping malls if she were alive today and seeing a mall for the first time. What do you think would amaze her? Would anything frighten her?
4. What is the setting for the story? Laura Ingalls Wilder gives her readers a clear picture of what the house in the woods and its surroundings looked like. Using her description of the house, draw what the setting for the story looks like to you. You can draw the house in any season.

Vocabulary Worksheet

Name _____

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

1. _____ Meaning: _____

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. _____
