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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Little House on the Prairie

Author:

Laura Ingalls Wilder

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

In Chapter 7, how does the wolf-pack scene create suspense, and what does Pa do that helps the family feel safer?

Example answer: The wolf-pack scene creates suspense because the wolves are close to the house, and Laura can tell they are dangerous. I felt nervous because the family is far away from other people and cannot just ask for help. Pa helps them feel safer by staying calm and using his gun to protect the family. His actions show that he is brave, but the prairie can still be scary.

How to Answer (continued)

In Chapter 15, how does fever 'n' ague affect the Ingalls family, and who helps them when they are too sick to help themselves?

Example answer: Fever 'n' ague makes the whole family weak and helpless. This part surprised me because Ma and Pa are usually the ones taking care of everything, but now they cannot do their regular work. Other people have to help them, including the doctor. This chapter shows that even strong families need neighbors and kindness sometimes.

In Chapter 22, what steps do Pa and Ma take to fight the prairie fire, and what does this emergency reveal about their partnership?

Example answer: Pa and Ma work very quickly when the prairie fire comes near. They do not waste time arguing, and they each do what needs to be done to protect the house and family. I think this shows that they trust each other. Their partnership is important because surviving on the prairie takes teamwork, not just one person's bravery.

Chapter 1

In Chapter 1, why do Pa and Ma decide to leave the Big Woods, and how does Laura seem to feel about traveling west in the covered wagon?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

In Chapter 26, what feelings does the family seem to have as they leave the little house, and which memories from their time on the prairie seem most important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

In Chapter 25, how does the news from the soldiers change the family's plans, and what does it suggest about land, rules, and fairness?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

In Chapter 2, what makes crossing the creek dangerous for the Ingalls family, and how do they work together to get through it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

In Chapter 3, how does Laura describe the high prairie when the family first camps there, and what mood do those details create?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

In Chapter 24, how does Laura react as the Native people ride away, and what does her reaction reveal about her curiosity and limited understanding?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

In Chapter 23, how do the Ingalls family members handle the frightening cries they hear, and what does this show about courage during a crisis?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

In Chapter 4, what does Laura notice during her first full day on the prairie, and how do the sights, sounds, and smells help you imagine the setting?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

In Chapter 5, what challenges do Pa and Mr. Edwards face while building the house, and what does their work show about frontier life?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

In Chapter 22, what steps do Pa and Ma take to fight the prairie fire, and what does this emergency reveal about their partnership?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

In Chapter 21, how do the drumming and gathering nearby affect the settlers, and what does the chapter show about fear, curiosity, and misunderstanding?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

In Chapter 6, how does moving into the new house change life for the Ingalls family, even though the house is not completely finished?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

In Chapter 7, how does the wolf-pack scene create suspense, and what does Pa do that helps the family feel safer?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

In Chapter 20, how do the sounds in the night affect Laura and the rest of the family, and how does the author make the scene feel frightening?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

In Chapter 19, why do the Christmas gifts feel so special to Laura and Mary, and what does Mr. Edwards's story add to the holiday?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

In Chapter 8, why are the two stout doors important to the family, and what do they show about the difference between camping and making a home?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

In Chapter 9, how does having a fire on the hearth change the Ingalls family's daily life, and why might it feel comforting to them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

In Chapter 18, how does the visit from the tall Native man create uncertainty, and what does Pa's response tell you about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

In Chapter 17, why is Pa's trip to town important for the family, and how does waiting for him affect Ma, Mary, and Laura?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

In Chapter 10, what hard work goes into finishing the roof and floor, and what does this chapter show about patience and perseverance?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

In Chapter 11, how do Ma, Mary, and Laura react when Native men come into the house while Pa is away, and what can you learn from their different reactions?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

In Chapter 16, what happens when the chimney catches fire, and how do Ma's actions show courage and quick thinking?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

In Chapter 15, how does fever 'n' ague affect the Ingalls family, and who helps them when they are too sick to help themselves?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

In Chapter 12, what danger happens while Pa and Mr. Scott are digging the well, and how does this chapter show the importance of caution and teamwork?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

In Chapter 13, how does the arrival of the Texas longhorns and cowboys make the prairie feel larger and busier than before?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

In Chapter 14, what does Laura notice at the Native camp, and what questions does this chapter raise about the people who live on or travel through the prairie?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
