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Little House on the Prairie Questions Chapter 1

1. Name the members of the Ingalls family. (choose 5)

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| a) Carrie | e) Ma |
| b) Eliza Jane | f) Almanzo |
| c) Laura | g) Mary |
| d) Pa | |

2. Where are the Ingalls family going?

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| a) Indian Country | c) Oregon |
| b) Gold Country | d) California |

3. Pa wanted to be in an area where "_____ _____ lived without being afraid."

4. When do they need to cross the Mississippi River?

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| a) before the ice breaks | c) after spring thaw |
| b) before winter | d) after the first snow |

5. **T F** True or False: Ma dressed the girls in their warmest clothes for the journey.

6. Almost everything from the little house fit in the wagon. What did they have to leave behind? (Choose 2)

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| a) tables and chairs | d) lamps and sofa |
| b) washer and dryer | f) clothing racks |
| c) beds | |

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7. **T F** **True or False:** No one in their family was able to come to see them off on their journey.
8. Pa hung his _____ to the wagon bows inside the canvas top.
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| a) gun | c) lantern |
| b) suspenders | d) bow and arrow |
9. The town of Pepin looked empty. Who were the only ones the Ingalls family saw?
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| a) Grandma and Grandpa | c) two or three men |
| b) one small family | d) little children |
10. What did Pa use to trade for supplies that they would need on the journey?
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11. How did they get the wagon across the lake?
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| a) went around the lake swam | c) forded the lake while the horses |
| b) followed wagon tracks across the frozen ice | d) took a ferry |
12. Even though Laura was scared, she felt safe. "Nothing could hurt her while _____ and _____ were there."
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| a) Ma, Pa | c) Mary, Carrie |
| b) Pa, Jack | d) Ma, Jack |
13. Mary, Laura, Baby Carrie, and Ma slept in a bed on the floor of the wagon. Where did Pa sleep?
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| a) with the horses | c) he never slept |
| b) outside to guard the horses | d) underneath the wagon |

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14. Laura heard a strange noise and couldn't sleep. Ma said that the noise was only _____.
- a) wild animals
 - b) Indians
 - c) owls in the trees
 - d) ice cracking
15. Pa said, "How do you like that, little half-pint of sweet cider half drunk up?" Who is "little half-pint of sweet cider half drunk up"?
- a) Ma
 - b) Baby Carrie
 - c) Laura
 - d) Mary
16. In which state did they cross the Mississippi?
- a) Illinois
 - b) Minnesota
 - c) Kansas
 - d) Wisconsin
17. **T F True or False:** Sometimes they had to camp in one place for several days because creeks were flooded and they couldn't cross.
18. How did they cross the Missouri River?
- a) walked across the frozen ice
 - b) drove the wagon onto a ferry
 - c) horses swam and pulled the wagon
 - d) drove the wagon onto a raft
19. When the wagon got stuck in the mud, how did Pa get it out?
- a) used grass to gain traction
 - b) wait for days until the mud dried
 - c) asked some local men to help him
 - d) tied on extra horses to pull harder

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20. What did Pa do with the tired brown horses?

- a) traded them for black ponies
- b) sold them for building supplies
- c) traded them for oxen
- d) sold them for food

21. What did Mary and Laura name the ponies?

- a) Pet and Patty
- b) Oscar and Ernie
- c) Fury and Trigger
- d) Freckles and Thunder

22. Which state did they **NOT** see on the way from the Big Woods of Wisconsin to Kansas?

- a) Missouri
- b) Illinois
- c) Iowa
- d) Minnesota

23. **T F** **True or False:** Mary and Laura were so excited when they crossed Kansas. There was something new to see every day.

24. How was Laura still naughty after Ma said, "Laura?"

- a) she complained to Mary
- b) she rolled her eyes
- c) she forgot to do her chores
- d) she complained in her thoughts

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