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Little House in the Big Woods

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1. What was the purpose of the crooked rail fence all around the house?
 - a) Ma always wanted a rail fence
 - b) to keep the children inside
 - c) keep the bears and the deer away
 - d) to keep Jack from running away.
2. Why did Pa have difficulty finding wild game in the bitter cold winter?
 - a) he had already found all the large game during the fall
 - b) he was not able to go hunting
 - c) the animals were hibernating
 - d) his traps were broken
3. After Pa and Uncle Henry butchered the hog, what did Pa blow up to make a little white balloon?
 - a) the hog's bladder
 - b) the hog's lungs
 - c) the hog's stomach
4. What did Mary and Laura take turns holding over the hot coals?
 - a) pig's tail
 - b) pork liver
 - c) pig's leg
 - d) pork chops
5. Which parts of the house were "bursting with good food" after Butchering Time was over? (Choose 4)
 - a) closets
 - b) attic
 - c) kitchen
 - d) parlor
 - e) cellar
 - f) pantry
 - g) shed

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6. What did Pa do while he greased the traps?
- a) tell Ma where he was going tomorrow
 - b) play his fiddle
 - c) tell jokes and stories traps
 - d) make Mary and Laura hold the traps
7. What did Laura think was the "Best time of all"?
- a) when Ma started baking
 - b) when Pa told stories
 - c) when Ma sent the girls to bed
 - d) when Pa played the fiddle
8. Why did Mary wipe more dishes than her sister Laura?
- a) Laura broke too many
 - b) Mary was bigger
 - c) Laura refused to help
 - d) Laura bribed her
9. What did each girl have on Saturdays when Ma made the bread?
- a) plenty of free time
 - b) a little piece of dough
 - c) extra chores
 - d) a large muffin
10. **Fill in the Blank:** "Pa and Ma and Mary and Laura and Baby Carrie were _____ and happy there, especially at night."
- a) comfortable
 - b) chilly
 - c) miserable
 - d) tired
11. According to Pa, how does a panther scream?
- a) like a woman
 - b) like a man
 - c) like a baby
 - d) like a little Laura
12. Where did the panther land when Grandpa slammed the door behind him?
- a) on the roof
 - b) on all four legs
 - c) through the window
 - d) on the horse's back

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13. What did Grandpa promise never to go into the Big Woods without?
- a) an ax
 - b) his horse
 - c) his gun
 - d) Grandma
14. What did Pa do every evening as he told stories?
- a) whittle
 - b) repair his gun
 - c) make bullets
 - d) cut wood
15. Why did Pa need to clean his gun in the evening?
- a) it might be damp from the snowy woods
 - b) it was old and did not always fire correctly
 - c) Laura had been playing with it
 - d) he dropped it in the lake
16. What did Pa do before he replaced the gun on its hooks over the door?
- a) dust it off
 - b) show Ma how to fire
 - c) load it
 - d) tell the girls never to touch it
17. What had happened to Pa as he ran through the woods towards home?
- a) his little toe had been broken
 - b) he had lost his shoes
 - c) he had cut his foot
 - d) his big-toe nail had been torn off
18. What was Grandpa's response to Pa's scare in the woods?
- a) he locked Pa outside
 - b) he was upset that the cows were lost
 - c) Pa should have obeyed
 - d) Pa should have been brave
19. What was Pa carving in the evenings before Christmas?
- a) a mantle piece
 - b) a beautiful horse
 - c) a wooden shelf
 - d) a new table

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20. What did Ma make so that Mary and Laura could pour it into pans of snow to make candy?

- a) fudge
- b) cream and sugar
- c) maple syrup
- d) boiled molasses and sugar

21. Who came to visit and spend Christmas with Laura's family?

- a) Uncle Peter, Aunt Eliza, Peter, Alice, & Ella
- b) Aunt Docia and Aunt Ruby
- c) Grandma and Grandpa
- d) Uncle Henry, Aunt Polly, & Charley

22. Where did the families find enough covers for everyone?

- a) Ma had made plenty of extras
- b) Pa purchased new ones in town
- c) they borrowed Grandma's quilts
- d) they brought in the buffalo robes from the sled

23. Why couldn't Aunt Eliza have shot Prince when he started acting very mean?

- a) she didn't know how
- b) she had ran out of bullets
- c) Alice had hidden the gun
- d) Uncle Peter had the gun

24. Why didn't Santa bring presents for the adults?

- a) Pa had asked him not to
- b) grownups give each other presents
- c) they had misbehaved
- d) they forgot to leave Santa cookies

25. The winter lasted so long that Mary and Laura were tired of _____.

- a) playing in the snow
- b) staying in the house
- c) helping Ma with the chores
- d) sledding down the hill

26. Why was Laura always the first to take a bath?

- a) she was always in trouble
- b) she was the littlest
- c) Mary always hid
- d) she was the dirtiest

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27. What was the name of the big green book that Pa read from on winter evenings?

- a) *Little Women*
- b) *The Wonders of the Animal World*
- c) *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
- d) *Uncle Tom's Cabin*

28. When did the Sunday begin when Grandpa was a boy?

- a) on Wednesday morning
- b) on Tuesday evening
- c) on Sunday morning
- d) on Saturday night

29. Which is **NOT** a reason that the boys had to tiptoe out the door?

- a) they didn't want to wake up their father
- b) they were not supposed to be leaving
- c) their mother has asked them to be quiet
- d) Sunday was a day for being quiet and solemn

30. What did the boys sneak out of the house to do?

- a) tell Ma where he was going tomorrow
- b) go for a horseback ride
- c) to play baseball
- d) to play with the animals

31. What walked out in front of their sled?

- a) big brown bear
- b) large black pig
- c) the family bull
- d) a family of kittens

32. What sound woke up the boys' father?

- a) Squee-ee-ee-ee-ee!
- b) Hurray!
- c) Moo-oo-oo-oo!
- d) Bang!

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33. Why did Laura need a spanking?

- a) she forgot to do her chores
- b) it was her birthday and she would not grow properly without one
- c) she had misbehaved on Sunday
- d) she said, "I hate Sundays!"

34. How did Pa make the **POP** sound in "Pop Goes the Weasel?"

- a) Laura clapped her hands
- b) Pa's finger on the string
- c) Mary snapped her fingers
- d) Carrie banged on a pan

35. Why did Pa need to go to town?

- a) to purchase a surprise for Ma
- b) to trade the furs of the animals he had trapped
- c) he needed to return some equipment he had borrowed
- d) to sell some of the excess bear meat

36. How big was the bundle of furs that Pa had packed?

- a) as big as Mary
- b) as big as Pa
- c) as big as Grandpa
- d) as big as Ma

37. What was Laura's job while helping Ma with the milking?

- a) holding the lantern
- b) petting the cow
- c) feeding the cow some hay
- d) watching Baby Carrie in the house

38. What did Laura notice as being different about the cow by the gate? (Choose 2)

- a) large brown ears
- b) large heavy antlers
- c) long shaggy black fur
- d) little glittering eyes

39. How did the house seem without Pa?

- a) quiet and joyful
- b) warm and sunny
- c) cold and still
- d) lively and loud

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40. **Fill in the Blank:** That night, Ma did something she had never done before. She _____.

- a) secured the latch on the door
- b) allowed the girls to stay up
- c) left a lantern burning
- d) sent the girls to bed early

41. What was all around the yard the next morning?

- a) bear tracks
- b) horse tracks
- c) tree limbs
- d) wolves

42. Why did Pa have to wait at the store?

- a) the storekeeper was missing
- b) the storekeeper was ill
- c) the storekeeper was visiting relatives
- d) the storekeeper was busy

43. Why are bears hungry and cross this time of year?

- a) people tend to disturb their hibernation
- b) they are extremely cold
- c) they cannot find any food
- d) they have been sleeping in their dens

44. What did the creature do when Pa waved his arms and ran toward it?

- a) chased him
- b) didn't move
- c) growled loudly
- d) ran away

45. The creature in the road turned out to be something completely different. What was it?

- a) huge pile of furs
- b) big, black stump
- c) small, gray puppy
- d) large, brown moose

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46. What did Pa bring home to Ma and the girls?

- a) a new pet
- b) new clothes
- c) maple syrup
- d) ice cream

47. What did Grandpa do with all the little troughs he had made?

- a) dug out the tree roots
- b) hooked them on the tree branches
- c) hammered them into the maple trees
- d) connected them to make a feeding trough for the animals

48. What makes leaves grow once the weather begins to warm?

- a) sap moves from the roots to the tip of each branch
- b) seeds
- c) the sunlight
- d) the roots shoot water all through the branches

49. What does Grandpa do with the sap that he collects each day?

- a) pours it all over the garden patch
- b) combines it with water in a large kettle
- c) boils it in an iron kettle
- d) presents each bucketful to Grandma for pasteurizing

50. Why do they call this a sugar snow?

- a) the snow is perfect for ice cream
- b) Grandpa is making sugar
- c) snow is soft and sweet
- d) people can make more sugar

51. What will happen at Grandma's and Grandpa's house next Monday?

- a) planting party
- b) barn building
- c) a dance
- d) Grandma's birthday

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52. Where had mother gotten her delaine dress?

- a) Mary and Laura had saved their money to buy it
- b) her mother had made it
- c) Pa had purchased new material for her
- d) a dressmaker back East

53. What did Pa's fiddle need?

- a) a new handle
- b) a new bow
- c) many repairs
- d) a new string

54. What did Pa **NOT** show Laura the tracks of on the way to Grandpa's?

- a) rabbits
- b) bears
- c) snowbirds
- d) mice

55. Where were Grandpa and Uncle George?

- a) in town for supplies
- b) on a hunting trip
- c) already in the maple woods
- d) already in the fields

56. Who did **NOT** live at Grandma & Grandpa's house?

- a) Aunt Ruby
- b) Uncle George
- c) Aunt Polly
- d) Aunt Docia

57. Where did Uncle George get his blue coat with brass buttons?

- a) his wife had stitched it
- b) Grandma made it
- c) the navy
- d) the army

58. What had made Uncle George "wild"?

- a) he was born that way
- b) the war
- c) his fight with Pa
- d) a bear had injured him

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59. Why was Laura afraid to touch Ma?

- a) Mary had scolded her
- b) she thought she might get her dirty
- c) she was supposed to be in bed
- d) she looked so rich and fine

60. What was the name of Uncle James and Aunt Libby's little girl?

- a) Charlotte Ingalls
- b) Nellie Ingalls
- c) Laura Ingalls
- d) Carrie Ingalls

61. What was Grandma doing all by herself in the kitchen?

- a) cooking supper
- b) baking cookies
- c) stirring the syrup
- d) washing dishes

62. Grandma poured the syrup into the saucers. What was in the saucers?

- a) snow
- b) pancakes
- c) candy
- d) pudding

63. What happened when the syrup was poured onto snow?

- a) it mixed with the snow
- b) the snow melted into tea
- c) it snapped and popped
- d) it cooled to candy

64. What did the "girls" do once the syrup grained?

- a) poured it back into the buckets
- b) poured it on buttermilk pancakes
- c) poured it into pans to cool into maple sugar
- d) used it to bake bread

65. What did Laura beg to do as soon as the days were warm?

- a) climb trees
- b) run barefoot
- c) play outside
- d) go swimming

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66. What did the girls have to do every night before going to bed?

- a) clean their room
- b) wash their hair
- c) wash their feet
- d) wash their dresses

67. Was the swing hanging from Mary's tree or Laura's tree?

- a) Mary's tree
- b) they both had a swing in their tree
- c) neither one, it was hanging from the barn rafters
- d) Laura's tree

68. When will Pa go hunting again?

- a) when the wild animals have grown up
- b) when the baby animals arrive
- c) when Grandpa comes to visit
- d) this week

69. Why did Mary and Laura have to take a bath in the middle of the week?

- a) they always take a bath in the middle of the week
- b) they were going to town
- c) they had played in the mud
- d) they had been swimming in the creek

70. What did Laura think was wrong about her hair?

- a) it was brown
- b) it was blond
- c) it was shorter than Mary's
- d) it was too curly

71. How far away was town, and what was it called?

- a) 10 miles, Pepin
- b) 7 miles, Walnut Grove
- c) 7 miles, Pepin
- d) 10 miles, Walnut Grove

72. What did Ma purchase at the store?

- a) a broom and mop
- b) new fabric for clothing and sheets
- c) sugar and flour
- d) new dishes for the kitchen

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73. What did Pa purchase for himself?

- a) a new gun
- b) galluses and tobacco
- c) gun powder and a saddle
- d) a new plow

74. What happened when Pa lifted Laura up into the wagon?

- a) her pocket ripped and she lost her pebbles
- b) her dress tore on the wagon edge
- c) her pocket ripped and she lost her candy
- d) she fell out again

75. Why didn't Laura eat her candy heart?

- a) she had dropped it on the ground
- b) she gave it to Baby Carrie
- c) she didn't like the flavor
- d) it was too pretty to eat

76. What happened in the Big Woods now that it was summertime?

- a) people moved away
- b) new families arrived
- c) people went visiting
- d) Mary and Laura had more chores

77. What would Ma do when visitors showed up?

- a) people went visiting
- b) send Laura to fetch Pa
- c) new families arrived
- d) Mary and Laura had more chores

78. Which neighbors have just moved it?

- a) the Huleatts
- b) Uncle George and Aunt Ruby
- c) the Petersons
- d) Uncle James and Aunt Lotty

79. What did Laura and Mary do with their cookies from Mrs. Peterson?

- a) save half for Baby Carrie
- b) feed it to the puppy
- c) saved them until after dinner
- d) eat them before they left her home

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80. What did Mary and Laura always hate to do?

- a) gather wood chips for the fire
- b) feed and water the dog
- c) collect the eggs from the chickens
- d) sweep the floor

81. What did Laura do to Mary after Aunt Lotty had gone?

- a) threw away her doll
- b) slapped her face
- c) pulled her hair
- d) tattled on her to Ma

82. What did Laura decide was a thing to be glad about getting in trouble?

- a) Mary had to gather the chips by herself
- b) Mary went to bed early
- c) Laura had to do extra chores
- d) Pa's hair was brown, like hers

83. Why did Ma need Pa to bring her a piece of rennet?

- a) to make a new balloon
- b) to make ice cream
- c) to make butter
- d) to make cheese

84. What was Laura afraid Pa would do?

- a) make her weed the garden
- b) whip her again
- c) kill one of the calves in the barn
- d) kill one of the calves at Grandpa's

85. Why did Ma say that their cheese was green?

- a) it still had whey in it
- b) it was made of buttermilk
- c) it was new and not yet ripened
- d) it is like the moon

86. How did Old Grimes die?

- a) an east wind blew him away
- b) the west wind blew him away
- c) his wife used too much whey
- d) his wife loved skim milk

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87. Why did Pa need to go to Uncle Henry's tomorrow?

- a) to return his grubbing hoe
- b) to take them some new cheese
- c) to borrow his horse and plow
- d) to borrow his grubbing hoe

88. How did Pa find the honey tree?

- a) he heard buzzing
- b) a baby bear cub was crying
- c) the bees chased him
- d) a big bear

89. Why was there so much honey?

- a) the bear's paw was too big to get it
- b) there were five trees full of it
- c) there were a million bees
- d) the tree was hollow from top to bottom

90. What were Pa and Uncle Henry doing in the field?

- a) cutting oats and gathering them into bundles
- b) plowing the ground for planting
- c) harvesting the corn
- d) clearing the land for farm ground

91. What did Charley do in the fields with Pa and Uncle Henry?

- a) caused trouble
- b) helped shock the oats
- c) ran errands
- d) sharpened the blades

92. What did Charley do when Pa and Uncle Henry ran to see what was wrong?

- a) pretended to be injured
- b) fell asleep in the oats
- c) threw a snake at them
- d) laughed at them

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93. What surprised Pa about Uncle Henry's reaction to Charley's "joke"?
- a) Uncle Henry sent Charley back home
 - b) Uncle Henry ignored Charley's screams
 - c) Uncle Henry did not spank Charley
 - d) Uncle Henry spanked Charley
94. When Charley screamed the fourth time, Uncle Henry and Pa ignored him. What was wrong this time?
- a) he had fallen in the creek
 - b) Aunt Polly came running from the house
 - c) he was chased by a bear cub
 - d) he had stepped on a yellow jacket nest
95. What were the only parts of Charley showing after Aunt Polly and Ma bundled him up?
- a) his eyes
 - b) his hair
 - c) his nose and mouth
 - d) his fingers and toes
96. Why couldn't they stay for dinner?
- a) the girls were falling asleep
 - b) Pa had to milk the cows
 - c) Charley was too ill for company
 - d) Pa thought there was trouble at home
97. What did Ma do to the straws that she soaked in water?
- a) she wove a new basket
 - b) she braided them into a long rope
 - c) she braided them to make a small mat
 - d) she burned them in the fire
98. During Harvest time, what did they often have for supper.
- a) hulled corn and milk
 - b) fresh butter and muffins
 - c) bread and water
 - d) smoked ham and potatoes

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99. What was the big machine called? What was the little machine called?

- a) tractor, tumbler
- b) combine, separator
- c) harvester, horsepower
- d) separator, horsepower

100. **Fill in the Blank:** This was a(n) _____ machine. It had eight horses hitched to it to make it run.

- a) eight-horsepowered
- b) sixteen-horsepowered
- c) horse-operated
- d) motorized

101. What was the job of the little machine?

- a) to thresh the wheat
- b) to turn the tumbling rod and operate the big machine
- c) to keep the horses in shape
- d) to harvest the fields

102. What was the job of the big machine?

- a) to keep the horses in shape
- b) to grind up the wheat into meal
- c) to separate the wheat from the straw
- d) to turn the tumbling rod and operate the big machine

103. What was the job of the man sitting on the little machine?

- a) to keep the horses moving
- b) to collect the wheat in large barrels
- c) to turn the tumbling rod
- d) to manage everyone else

104. What was Ma doing while all the men were in the fields?

- a) collecting more wheat
- b) preparing dinner for everyone
- c) doing the daily chores
- d) caring for Baby Carrie, who was ill

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105. How did Pa pay the men before they moved onto the next farm?

- a) animal furs
- b) sacks of wheat
- c) cash money
- d) room and board

106. How long would it have taken Henry, Peterson, and Pa to do the work that the machines did that day?

- a) two days
- b) a couple of weeks
- c) a few hours
- d) a month

107. What is the purpose of a deer-lick?

- a) home for deer
- b) attract deer for hunters
- c) feed deer in the winter

108. What did Pa spend the day doing?

- a) building a smoke house to preserve the deer meat
- b) banking the house and barn with leaves and straw
- c) butchering the deer he had found
- d) tracking a deer through the woods

109. Why couldn't Pa kill the deer that he saw in the moonlight?

- a) the deer looked too strong, free, and wild
- b) Pa saw a baby deer waiting for it in the timber
- c) Pa fell asleep and did not wake up until morning
- d) the deer was too small to kill

110. Why couldn't Pa kill the bear that he saw in the moonlight?

- a) the bear ran too fast for Pa to get his sight on it
- b) Pa was too interested in watching the bear
- c) Pa saw a bear cub waiting for it in the timber
- d) Pa fell asleep and did not wake up until morning

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111. Why couldn't Pa kill the doe and yearling that he saw in the moonlight?

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| a) he watched them look at each other with wide shining eyes | c) the yearling ran too fast for Pa to get his sight on it |
| b) Pa saw a buck waiting for them in the timber | d) Pa fell asleep and did not wake up until morning |

112. What songs did Pa play on his fiddle that night? (choose 2)

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| a) "Auld Lang Syne" | c) "Pop! Goes the Weasel" |
| b) "Oh, Susanna" | d) "Camptown Races" |

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