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On the Banks of Plum Creek

Questions Chapter 1

1. **Journey to Plum Creek:** The Ingalls family have traveled for many days to reach Plum Creek. They have traveled through four different states. Put the places in order of their journey.

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| _____ a.) Where they started | 1.) Minnesota |
| _____ b.) State 1 | 2.) Missouri |
| _____ c.) State 2 | 3.) Indian Territory |
| _____ d.) State 3 | 4.) Iowa |
| _____ e.) State 4 | 5.) Kansas |
| _____ f.) Where they stopped | 6.) Plum Creek |

2. **T F True or False:** Laura "jumped inside her skin" when she saw a woman standing beside the horses.

3. The yellow-haired man's face was as red as a(n) _____.

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| a) Indian's | c) cardinal's |
| b) apple | d) cherry |

4. What were lying in front of the door?

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| a) three new horses | c) two big dogs |
| b) six chickens | d) two small kittens |

5. **T F True or False:** Laura could not understand the words that Mr. Hanson said, but the dogs seemed to understand him.

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6. What will they do tomorrow?

- a) return to Wisconsin
- b) go to town to buy a different house
- c) go to town to complete the paperwork
- d) go to town and buy supplies

7. Pa did not have enough money, how did he buy the land from Mr. Hanson?

- a) he agreed to send Mr. Hanson the profits from the first crop
- b) he traded Pet and Patty for the land
- c) he traded Bunny for the land
- d) he agreed to work at Mr. Hanson's mill

8. What two things did Pa trade Mr. Hanson for his crops and the oxen? (choose 2)

- a) Pet and Patty
- b) the wagon-cover
- c) the wagon
- d) Bunny, the mule-colt

9. How did Pa know that the dugout would be very clean inside?

- a) "Germans are clean people."
- b) "Mr. Hanson's wife is a hard worker."
- c) "Norwegians are clean people."
- d) "Mr. Hanson said he cleaned from top to bottom."

10. What will Pa do with money from the first wheat crop?

- a) buy Christmas presents
- b) buy seed corn for next spring
- c) send Ma and the girls to Wisconsin
- d) build a fine house

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11. What does Pa not understand about Mr. Hanson's field?

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| a) why it was so small | c) why it was so big |
| b) why he only planted one crop | d) why he had not harvested it yet |

12. Laura is a big girl now. How old is she?

13. Pa tried to explain why Pa did not keep Pet and Patty. What did he tell her about them?

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| a) Pa did not have money to buy food for them. | c) Plowing is too hard and they will like traveling better. |
| b) Indian ponies will be better for plowing that Pet and Patty would be. | d) They are too big for Pa to handle now. |

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