

Name _____

Date _____

On the Banks of Plum Creek

Questions Chapter 9

1. What was happening in the thickets around Plum Creek?
 - a) animals were restless
 - b) trees were drying
 - c) plums were ripening
 - d) leaves were falling
2. What did Laura find when she went to drive Spot to meet the cattle?
 - a) Pete and Bright had broken their ropes and were missing.
 - b) Pete and Bright were in the stable sleeping while Pa was walking in the fields.
 - c) Pa had already yoked Pete and Bright to the plow and went to work.
 - d) Pa was working in the stable.
3. What did Mary and Laura do after the breakfast dishes were washed?
 - a) went to play in the creek
 - b) walked to town all by themselves
 - c) help Ma with the laundry
 - d) took pails to pick plums
4. **T F True or False:** Pa was making a big wheat field that would provide for anything the family needed.
5. What did Mary and Laura find sucking the juices out of the plums?
 - a) ants
 - b) squirrels and rabbits
 - c) bees and hornets
 - d) mice

Name _____

Date _____

6. What did Laura do with the cracked plums she found?

- a) popped them in her mouth
- b) passed them to Mary's pail
- c) left them on the trees
- d) threw them to the ground

7. **T F True or False:** Mary likes to shake the plum trees. She knew just how to shake them to get the ripe plums to fall.

8. **Plum Creek:** Mary and Laura had the job of picking plums from the plum thickets along Plum Creek. Laura really liked her job, but Mary would rather be sewing. Different kinds of Plum ripen at different times. Match the variety of plums with the order in which the girls picked them.

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| _____ a.) First | 1.) yellow plums |
| _____ b.) Second | 2.) frost plums |
| _____ c.) Third | 3.) red plums |
| _____ d.) Fourth | 4.) blue plums |

9. What color were the frost plums?

10. Even though it was almost Thanksgiving, there was no rain or frosts. Pa said that old-timers call it _____ weather.

- a) Indian Summer
- b) grasshopper
- c) plum
- d) Minnesota

Name _____

Date _____

On the Banks of Plum Creek
Questions  Chapter 9

-----Key (13 points)-----

1. (c) pg 61
2. (c) pg 61
3. (d) pg 61
4. T, true pg 62
5. (c) pg 63
6. (a) pg 63
7. F, false pg 64
8. a) 3 b) 1 c) 4 d) 2 pg 65
9. purple pg 65
10. (b) pg 66