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On the Banks of Plum Creek

Questions Chapter 16

1. What did Pa do every morning after the creek went down?
 - a) went back to work for Mr. Nelson
 - b) worked on the wheat field with the Christmas horses
 - c) started building the house
 - d) took the Christmas horses to the pasture with the cattle
2. What are the names of the Christmas horses?
 - a) Sam and David
 - b) Pet and Patty
 - c) Pete and Bright
 - d) Tom and Jerry
3. What did Laura do each night when Pa returned after dark?
 - a) took Pa's supper to him in the stable
 - b) unhitched and fed Sam and David
 - c) held the lantern while Pa did the chores
 - d) helped Ma set the table for supper
4. What is **NOT** something that Pa prepared fields for?
 - a) potatoes
 - b) corn
 - c) wheat
 - d) oats
5. Pa went to town as soon as the wheat was up. What did he bring home?
 - a) a wagon full of lumber
 - b) new furniture
 - c) a new stove
 - d) material for new dresses for all the girls

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6. What was special about these smooth, straight boards?

- a) Pa had split them himself
- b) they had been sawed by machinery
- c) Pa used all the money he had to purchase them
- d) they had cost a lot of money

7. What kind of windows is this new house going to have?

8. **T** **F** **True or False:** Mr. Nelson came the next morning to help Pa begin building the frame for the house.

9. **T** **F** **True or False:** Laura thought it was really fun to watch them set up the skeleton house.

10. What did Mary and Laura do with the little blocks of wood that they gathered into piles?

- a) used them to carve animals
- b) built their own houses
- c) threw them into the creek
- d) started a fire to burn them

11. **T** **F** **True or False:** Pa and Mr. Nelson covered the roof with shelf-hewn shingles. Hand-made shingles are so much better than boughten ones.

12. **T** **F** **True or False:** Pa covered the floor with smooth boards that grooved along the edge to fit together.

13. **T** **F** **True or False:** Pa laid another floor above their heads. The upstairs floor made the downstairs ceiling.

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14. What did Pa put up in the downstairs?

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| a) a bedstead for each of the girls | c) a partition wall to make 2 rooms |
| b) a large stove to heat the whole house | d) a wooden bench for the girls to play on |

15. In all, how many windows did Pa put in the downstairs walls?

16. What do you call the little room that Pa built outside the back door?

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| a) laundry room | c) lean-to |
| b) pantry | d) kitchen |

17. Why did Pa have to stop working on the lean-to to build a ladder?

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| a) Laura could not wait to see the attic | c) Laura wanted to see Carrie's room |
| b) Mary could not wait to see the attic | d) Pa needed to return to town for more lumber |

18. What did Laura find at either end of the attic?

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| a) new bedsteads | c) a glass window |
| b) little doors that covered the closets | d) benches |

19. What did Pa nail all over the outside of the house and then nailed more board over it?

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20. What did Pa put around the windows and doorways?

21. **T** **F** **True or False:** Pa would need to chink the boards to fill in the cracks that were left between the boards.

22. **T** **F** **True or False:** Pa hung boughten doors in the doorways.

23. Pa fitted the new doors with locks and fancy knobs to open and shut the doors. What kind of door knobs did he use?

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| a) black coal | c) hand-made wooden |
| b) store-bought glass | d) white china |

24. Pa opened the door to let the girls see the surprise inside the lean-to. What surprise was Pa hiding?

25. What did Mary find written on the stove?

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| a) P A T 0771 | c) Patent 46386 |
| b) P A T 1770 | d) S U R P R I S E |

26. When will the family move in to the new house?

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| a) tomorrow morning | c) tonight |
| b) next spring | d) in three weeks |

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