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**Questions  Chapter 20**

1. What did Laura and Mary wear to school?
    - a) their play dresses
    - b) shorts and a t-shirt
    - c) new dresses Ma had made
    - d) their Sunday dresses
  
  2. What did Ma do to the girls' hair?
    - a) she brushed their hair long and smooth
    - b) She wrapped their hair into buns
    - c) she curled their hair
    - d) she braided their hair tightly
  
  3. What did the girls wear on their heads?
    - a) head bands to hold back their bangs
    - b) their freshly-washed sunbonnets
    - c) their Sunday-ribbons
    - d) stocking caps
  
  4. Ma sent her own schoolbooks to school with the girls. Which of the following was **NOT** one of those books?
    - a) a reader
    - b) a Bible
    - c) a speller
    - d) a 'rithmetic
  
  5. Ma made up a little tin pail with their lunch covered with a clean cloth. Who carried the lunch pail?
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13. **T F True or False:** Laura told the kids that they had sounded just like a flock of prairie chickens.

14. Why did Laura feel the need to hide her legs?

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| a) the town girls' dresses were shorter than hers | c) the town girls all wore pants                 |
| b) her legs were dirty from the dusty road        | d) the town girls' dresses were longer than hers |

15. When the boys started shouting and making fun of Mary and Laura, who stopped them?

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| a) Sandy Kennedy   | c) Eva Beadle    |
| b) Christy Kennedy | d) Nellie Oleson |

16. Who is **NOT** one of Christy's siblings?

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| a) Nettie | d) Donald |
| b) Cassie | e) Nellie |
| c) Sandy  |           |

17. **T F True or False:** Christy told the girls that they must have walked by her house. Her house is right before you come to Oleson's store and the blacksmith shop.

18. Who is their teacher?

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| a) Mr. Sandy Kennedy | c) Miss Nellie Oleson |
| b) Miss Eva Beadle   | d) Mr. Willie Oleson  |

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19. What does Nellie Oleson call Mary and Laura?

- a) stupid
- b) snipes
- c) poor girls
- d) country girls

20. Miss Beadle asks the girls to come inside. What will she do?

- a) assign them textbooks
- b) write their names in her book
- c) ask them some questions
- d) assign them desks

21. **T F True or False:** The school was full of long benches that had backs and two shelves stuck out of the backs over the benches behind them.

22. The girls had never been to school before. They did not know what the smooth boards painted black with a trough underneath was, but you do. What was it?

- a) chalkboard
- b) signs
- c) SMART board
- d) white board

23. Miss Beadle tells Laura that she will start at the beginning, but Mary will be farther along. What does she ask them if they have?

- a) a pencil
- b) a lunch pail
- c) a slate
- d) a reader

24. Later on, Laura found out what the ruler was for. What was it for?

- a) to draw straight lines
- b) to point to things on the board
- c) to measure lines
- d) to punish students who whispered or fidgeted

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25. How many of the students were in Laura's class?

- a) all ten of the students
- b) no one, she was in a class by herself
- c) three students
- d) five students

26. How much did Laura read before lunch on the first day?

- a) one whole story
- b) two whole paragraphs
- c) the whole alphabet
- d) the whole first row of the speller

27. Everyone else went home to dinner, but Laura and Mary ate their dinner under the shade tree. How did they spend their lunch time?

- a) talked to the other students
- b) ate their bread and butter and talked
- c) walked home for lunch
- d) swung on the swing set

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