

Chapter Questions for...

The Cabin Faced West



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Chapter 1:

1. What would happen if Ann complained about the West?

2. Why do you suppose Ann hated to hear the two words, some day?

3. Ann was only allowed to bring a few precious belongings -- a diary, a pencil, a doll, shoes and ribbons -- when the family moved to the West. Make a list of your favorite 10 belongings. They can be toys, certain clothing, etc. Then circle in red which five you would take with you if you were moving.

1.

6.

2.

7.

3.

8.

4.

9.

5.

10.

Chapter 3:

1. Why is Ann going to Uncle John's house?

2. Why would Andy's mother be so pleased that he had caught a wild turkey?

3. Ann has offered to teach Andy to write but she doesn't have much paper and has only one pencil. What else could she use besides peapods to teach Andy his letters? Think of at least 3 things.

a.

b.

c.

Chapter 4:

1. What did Arthur Scott mean when he said, ...put my name in those pots...?

2. Why did David throw a bucket of cold water on Daniel?

3. In the 1700's, children were to be seen but not heard at the dinner table. Why do you suppose adults made that rule?

Do you agree with this rule? Yes or No

Why or why not?

Chapter 5:

1. Why does Arthur Scott want to settle in the West?

2. Put the following sentences in order. Use the numbers 1-5.

___ Mr. Hamilton offers Andy's father some work.

___ David reads Ann's diary over her shoulder.

___ Andy tells Ann he wants writing lessons.

___ Arthur finds land near Catfish Camp.

___ Ann notices old pea pods sticking out of Andy's pocket.

3. Write a Two-Word poem with 8 lines describing either Ann or Andy. Each line of your poem can have only 2 words.

For example:

Ann

1. Age ten
2. Misses Gettysburg

Name: _____

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

Chapter 6:

1. What did Ann's mother do when she found out Ann had taken her good china plates?

2. David was teasing her, Arthur Scott was gone, Andy was being hateful and Ann really missed her cousin Margaret. She wanted to write in her diary but it was gone. What do you think she would have written?

Dear Diary,

3. Ann thought she was going to be scolded for using her mother's fancy china plates for her tea party. Tell about a time you did something wrong at home or at school but didn't get scolded for it. Include a picture.

Chapter 7:

1. What kind of damage did the storm cause?

2. Andy tells Ann she should go back to Gettysburg for the winter. Think of 3 reasons why Ann should go and 3 reasons why she shouldn't.

Why she should go

a.

b.

c.

Why she shouldn't go

a.

b.

c.

3. Draw a picture that shows why Mrs. Hamilton thought Ann was such a brave girl. Include a sentence that explains your picture.

Chapter 8:

1. Who was the famous person that came for dinner?

2. My cup runneth over means you felt more happiness than you could possibly hold. Why did Ann say, my cup runneth over? Give at least 3 reasons.

a.

b.

c.

3. Ann has changed in the last several months since moving to the West. Describe how she has changed.

Now think about how you have changed in the last year and describe your changes below. Include at least 3 changes.

a.

b.

c.

4. Although he was not yet President, General Washington was a very famous person in the 1700's. Imagine the President of the United States came to your house for dinner. What would you say to the President?

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Answer-Key

Chapter 1:

1. someone would pour a bucket of cold spring water on her head
2. "some day" doesn't satisfy her-she wants things to happen sooner
3. varies

Chapter 2:

1. skip rope
2. Ann thought she caught a wishful look in Andy's eyes but she must have been mistaken
3. varies

Chapter 3:

1. because she wants to borrow some fire
2. because they don't have much food—just some berries and a couple of rabbits
3. stones, pebbles, sticks, draw in the dirt with a sticky-

Chapter 4:

1. he wants to stay for dinner
2. because Daniel complained about the Western girls and Western manners
3. they wanted to talk about adult things; they wanted a little break from the kids;...

Chapter 5:

1. because he can afford to buy land in the West; he wants a stake in the new part of the country
2. 2,5,4,1,3
3. varies

Chapter 6:

1. instead of getting angry, she sat down and joined her for pretend tea
2. varies
3. varies

Chapter 7:

1. it ruined some of the corn crop, peas, potatoes and pumpkins
2. Should: see Margaret; go to church with Margaret; trade calico squares for doll dresses with Margaret;...
Shouldn't her mother needs her help; this is her new home and she has to get used to it; something could happen on the trip to Gettysburg that might keep her from coming back;...
3. she went out in the storm over and over again to rescue some of the pea crop

Chapter 8:

1. General George Washington
2. Margaret is coming to visit; she met George Washington; she realizes she loves the Western country;...
3. she's happy living in the West now; she's saying "some day" now; she realizes how important it is to develop the West;...
4. varies