More Stories from Grandma's Attic

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This booklet contains a comprehension worksheet for each chapter in the book.

There are three kinds of questions requiring filling in the blank, listing, and essay-type answers.

The student will need to be taught how to answer the essay-type questions with a complete sentence. For example, if the question says, "How did Mabel try to cover-up their bad deed?" The answer should be, "Mabel wore her sunbonnet all day to cover-up their bad deed."

Sentences - Students need to learn to <u>restate</u> the question in their answers.

Mechanics - The answer must be a complete sentence starting with a <u>capital letter</u> and ending with an end mark.

Spelling - Every word in the answer must be <u>spelled accurately</u>. Most of the words that need to be spelled correctly will be on the worksheet or in the appropriate book.

Reading - The student is given a reading grade for having the correct comprehension answer.

English - The student is given an English grade. There are 4 possible points for each essay-type answer: 1) Restating the question in the answer, 2) making a complete sentence, 3) starting with a capital letter, and 4) ending with an end mark.

Spelling - The student is given a spelling grade by starting with a perfect score and deducting one or two points for each misspelled word.

An answer key is provided in the back of this booklet to assist with the grading process. The make-up of the sentence does not have to be exact, but the key elements need to be present for a correct answer.

When introducing the student to this book, explain that each chapter is divided into two sections:

In the first section, the author of the book, Arleta, is the little girl.

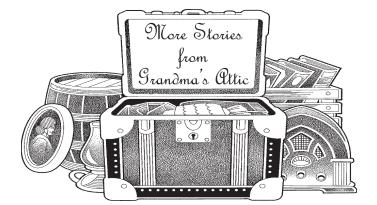
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In the second section, the author's grandmother, Mabel, is the little girl.

A story from long ago is being told. Now Grandma Mabel is a little girl. Uncle Roy and Uncle Reuben are young boys. The story is about their adventures growing up on the farm.

Here is a general worksheet that can be used for any chapter or book:

			Name	!	
	Title of Book or Chapter: Author: Illustrator: Circle the type of book:				
L	check the type of book.	T ICTION			
Who are	the main characters?				
1. Huma	n:				
2. Anima	al:				
	one of the main characters from abo		Now write 4 words to de	escribe this cha	racter:
	is happening at the beginning of the				
	is happening in the middle of the ch				
6. What	is happening at the end of the chapt	er?			



Name			
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Introduction

1. Where did the author's grandma live?
2. How long ago was her grandma a little girl?
3. Grandma's name was Mabel O'Dell, and there were four people in her family. Name them.
4. The author had a lot of exciting times visiting her Grandma Mabel, and she learned many lessons from her too. She learned she could have a rewarding life by doing what?

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Answer Key

Introduction

- 1. The author's grandma lived on a little farm in Michigan.
- 2. Her grandma lived one hundred years ago.
- 3. The four people in her family were Pa, Ma, Reuben, and Roy.
- 4. She learned she could have a rewarding life by living for the Lord.

Chapter 1. The Nuisance in Ma's Kitchen

- 1. Grandma told this story because her granddaughter wanted to keep her kittens in the house with her. Then grandma told her a story of a little goat in the kitchen.
- 2. From the beginning, the little goat took a special liking to Ma, but she was not flattered.
- 3. Ma told Mabel to take the goat outside and tie him in the yard because he knocked over the washtub full of water. Tub, water, and clothes splashed to the floor.
- 4. Pick two: Mabel didn't want the goat to sleep in the barn because he was too little. OR He'll think we don't like him anymore, OR He'll be scared out there.
- 5. Ma gave her a blanket to wrap up in. She gave her a blanket because the hay is scratchy.

Chapter 2. Grandma's Sampler

- 1. Grandma told this story because her granddaughter missed a stitch in her knitting. Grandma remembered when she had made a mistake on a sampler and didn't fix it.
- 2. Mabel was sure she would win the contest because she was going to work carefully, and she prayed and asked God to let her win. She knew God answered prayer, so she would win.
- 3. Mabel made a mistake on her sampler when she spelled <u>friend</u> wrong. She wrote, "A frend loveth at all times."
- 4. She said Mabel should have prayed to do her best rather than to win.
- 5. A book was given to the winner. Her brother, Roy, won the contest. Roy entered a small squirrel he had whittled.

Chapter 3. Mrs. Carter's Fright

- 1. Mabel's granddaughter heard that her grandmother had dressed a pig in doll's clothes. She wanted to know the whole story.
- 2. Lucy was Mrs. Carter's baby girl.
- 3. The girls dressed the piglet in doll clothes because they wanted to dress something that was alive. The girls took Lucy out of her buggy because they wanted to give their baby a ride.
- 4. The girls made sure Lucy was in the center of the bed so she wouldn't roll over and fall off of it.
- 5. Sarah Jane and Mabel were walking back to the house and surveying the scene before them.

Roy was galloping towards the woods where the girls stood.

Reuben was racing for the barn, carrying the pig in doll clothes.

Pep was running between the two boys, not sure whom to follow.

Mrs. Carter was lying on the porch steps. (crying?)

Ma was kneeling beside Mrs. Carter and wiping her face with a cloth.