

The Cabin Faced West

Reading Guide

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For the book by Jean Fritz



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INCLUDED IN THIS READING GUIDE

Teacher Resource Section: Additional information is provided for the teacher, as well as questions that may be used to provide thoughtful dialog about each chapter.

Chapter Worksheets: Included in this reading comprehension booklet are chapter worksheets, with two questions for every chapter of the book. The questions on each sheet are designed to highlight key concepts or events that take place in that particular chapter. It is not necessary that a student complete each chapter worksheet in this booklet. A teacher *may* want to assign every worksheet as the student reads through the book, or just pick and assign a couple of worksheets in order to assess the student’s comprehension. In the later case, the teacher may use the other worksheets as an aid for oral discussions. A recommended Grading Guide is provided on the next page.

Memory Quiz: A quiz over one chapter is provided to assess the student’s memory and ability to express the answer in a complete sentence. The quiz consists of 6 questions for the teacher to orally give the student. The student should be given advance notice that the memory quiz will be given over a particular chapter, and he should read it several times in order to know it thoroughly. This test is to be graded using the same criteria as the chapter worksheets, but spelling should not count against the student, as he does not have access to the book.

Open Book Test: There is a comprehension test to administer after finishing the book. The student has the ability to look up answers in this open book test. This test is comprised of 3 parts and should be graded as follows:

1. **Matching Section-** each item is worth ONE point.
2. **Fill in the Blank-** each blank is worth ONE point.

3. **Short Answer**- each answer is worth SIX points. It should be graded using the same criteria as the worksheets for the individual chapters. (See the Grading Guide on the next page.)

student should be given a Spelling Grade, because the book and a Word Bank are available to use for help with spelling.

Answer Keys: An answer key is provided for the worksheets, Memory Quiz, and the Open Book Test. These answers contain the main element needed in order to answer the question correctly.

GENERAL TEACHING INSTRUCTIONS

Restating the Question in the Answer

The student should be taught to restate the question in the answer. Here is an example of restating:

“What is the title of this book?”

The answer should be:

“The title of this book is *The Cabin Faced West*.”

Unacceptable answers would be: “*The Cabin Faced West*” or “It is *The Cabin Faced West*”.

The student should also be taught it is never proper to answer a question with a Subject Pronoun.

Grading Guide for Reading Comprehension and Spelling on the Worksheets

In order to provide high standards for quality work and integration of skills:

- Reading Grade:

Each comprehension question on a worksheet is worth **six points**.

1 point for beginning the answer with a capital letter.

1 point for ending the answer with an end mark.

1 point for restating the question (using words from the question) and making sense.

3 points available for the correct answer. 3 points-correct with effort. 2 or 1-partially correct. 0-wrong answer. This allows for the teacher to give partial credit for an answer that is not completely correct.

The student’s answer must begin with a capital letter, have an end mark, be restated and make sense, and, of course, be correct.

- Spelling Grade:

The students have the reading book and the reading worksheet from which to glean the answers. Therefore, they should spell the words in their answer correctly.

Starting from 100%, deduct 2 points for each misspelled word.

Misspelled also means dotted i's, j's, crossed t's, x's, capitals on proper names, apostrophes on contractions and possessives, AND mistakes in formation of letters.

The Cabin Faced West - Teacher Resource

Before starting the book:

1. Find the title page. What is the title of this book? Who is the author? Who is the illustrator?
2. Jean Fritz wrote over 65 books. She is well known for her books of American biography and history. Some of her more famous books include *Homesick*, *My Own Story*, *Brady*, *Early Thunder*, *The Double Life of Pocahontas*, and *Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt*. Have you ever read any of these books by this author?
3. This book does not have a contents page. How many chapters are in this book?
4. This book is a historical fiction. What does that mean? Explain that the story is based on real people, places, and events, but that some of it is made up. Read the letter from the author..
5. To whom did the author dedicate this book?
6. The author, Jean Fritz, was awarded in 1986 the Laura Ingalls Wilder medal from the American Library Association for her substantial and lasting contribution to children's literature. In what year was this book written?

Chapter 1:

- Throughout this book, the main character, Ann, is having trouble adjusting to living in the wilderness. She pouts, complains, and is discontented. One way that she can be content is to thank God. What things can she be thankful for in this chapter? We'll ask this question for every chapter, so be on the look-out.
- Ann has a hiding place for all the things that belong to only her. How many things does she own? (4-blue Gettysburg shoes, Semanthie, hair ribbons, and her diary). How many things do you own? Thank God for the **many** things you have.

Chapter 2:

- Andy McPhale has unkempt hair and dirty clothes. He doesn't know how to read or write. He likes to tease, and isn't always nice. Ann says that he is the worst boy she's ever known. Is he a likable boy? Would you choose him to be your friend? Watch how Andy changes later in the book.
- What can Ann be thankful for in this chapter?

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Reading _____ (24) Name _____
Spelling _____ (x2) Date _____

Short Answer: Answer each question. Remember to restate the question in the answer. Spelling counts, so use your book!

Chapter 1:

1. What was the Rule that Daniel and David had made?

2. What two words did Ann learn to hate?

Chapter 2:

3. Where was Ann's favorite sitting spot?

4. What message did Andy deliver?

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Reading _____ (24) **Answer Key**
Spelling _____ (x2) Date _____

Short Answer: Answer each question. Remember to restate the question in the answer. Spelling counts, so use your book!

Chapter 1:

1. What was the Rule that Daniel and David had made?

The Rule that Daniel and David made was
the first person to find fault with the West
will get a bucket of cold water on his head.

2. What two words did Ann learn to hate?

The two words that Ann learned to hate
were "some day".

Chapter 2:

3. Where was Ann's favorite sitting spot?

Ann's favorite sitting spot was at the side of
the road near a group of trees.

4. What message did Andy deliver?

Andy delivered the message that his mother
was ill and wanted Mrs. Hamilton to stay with her.