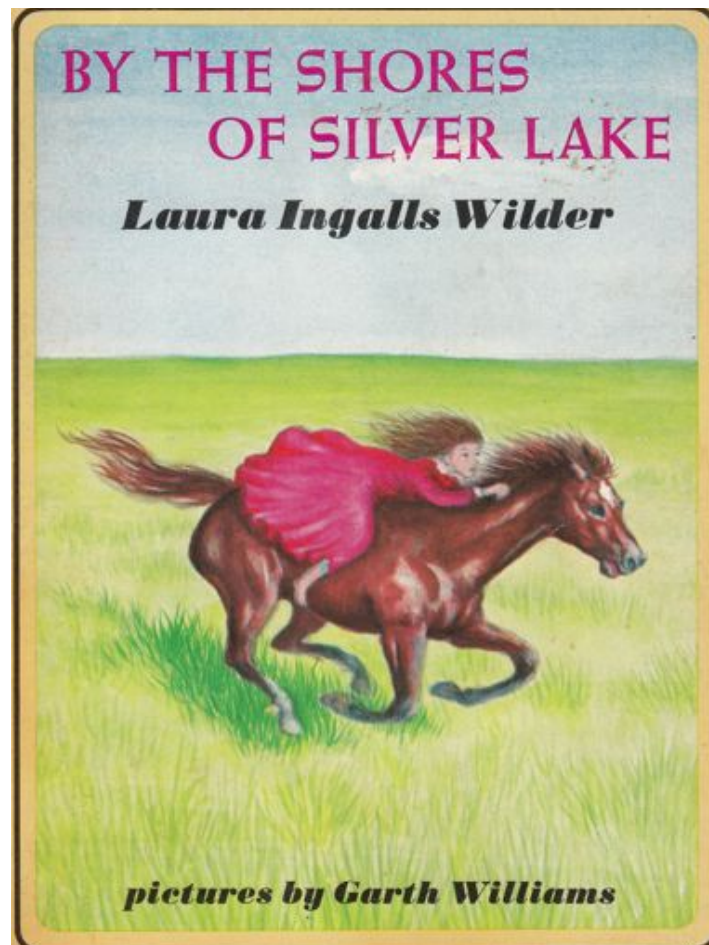


Little House: By the Shores of Silver Lake

Lapbook

Designed for K-8th grades



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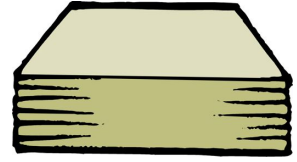
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How Do I Get Started?

First, you will want to gather your supplies. Depending on which format you purchased from us, you will need different supplies. So, take what applies, and skip over the rest.

*** Printing:

*Print instructions and study guide on white copy paper.



*Print the booklet templates on 24# colored paper or 110# cardstock. For some booklets, we have suggested specific colors or cardstock. You may choose to use those suggested colors, or you may choose to print on any color that you like.



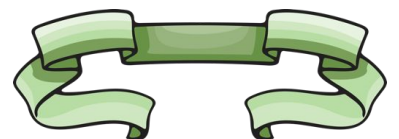
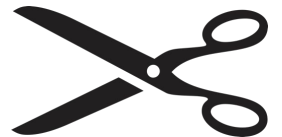
*** Assembly:

*Folders: We use colored file folders, which can be found at Walmart, Sam's, Office Depot, Costco, etc. You will need between 2 and 4 file folders, depending on which product you have purchased. You may use manilla folders if you prefer, but we have found that children respond better with the brightly colored folders. Don't worry about the tabs....they aren't important. If you prefer, you can purchase the assembled lapbook bases from our website.

*Glue: For the folder assembly, we use hot glue. For booklet assembly, we use glue sticks and sometimes hot glue, depending on the specific booklet. We have found that bottle glue stays wet for too long, so it's not a great choice for lapbooking.



*Other Supplies: Of course, you will need scissors. Many booklets require additional supplies. Some of these include metal brad fasteners, paper clips, ribbon, yarn, staples, hole puncher, etc. You may want to add decorations of your own, including stickers, buttons, coloring pages, cut-out clipart, etc. The most important thing is to use your imagination! Make it your own!!



Ok. I've Gathered the Supplies. Now How Do I Use This Product?

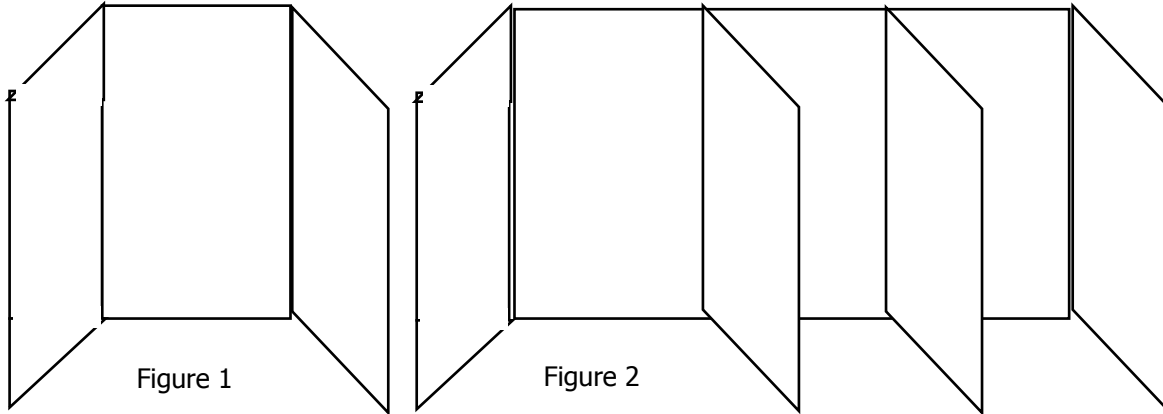
Inside, you will find several sections. They are as follows:

1. **Lapbook Base Assembly & Layout Guide:** This section gives instructions and diagrams and will tell the student exactly how to assemble the lapbook base and where to glue each booklet into the base. Depending on the student's age, he or she may need assistance with this process, especially if you choose to allow the student to use hot glue.
2. **Student Instruction Guide:** This section is written directly to the student, in language that he or she can understand. However, depending on the age of the child, there may be some parent/teacher assistance needed. This section will also tell the student exactly what should be written inside each booklet as he or she comes to it during the study, as well as telling the student which folder each booklet will be glued into.
4. **Booklet Templates:** This section includes ALL of the templates for the booklets.
5. **Study Guide:** This section is a great resource for the parent/teacher while teaching about the *Little House* books.

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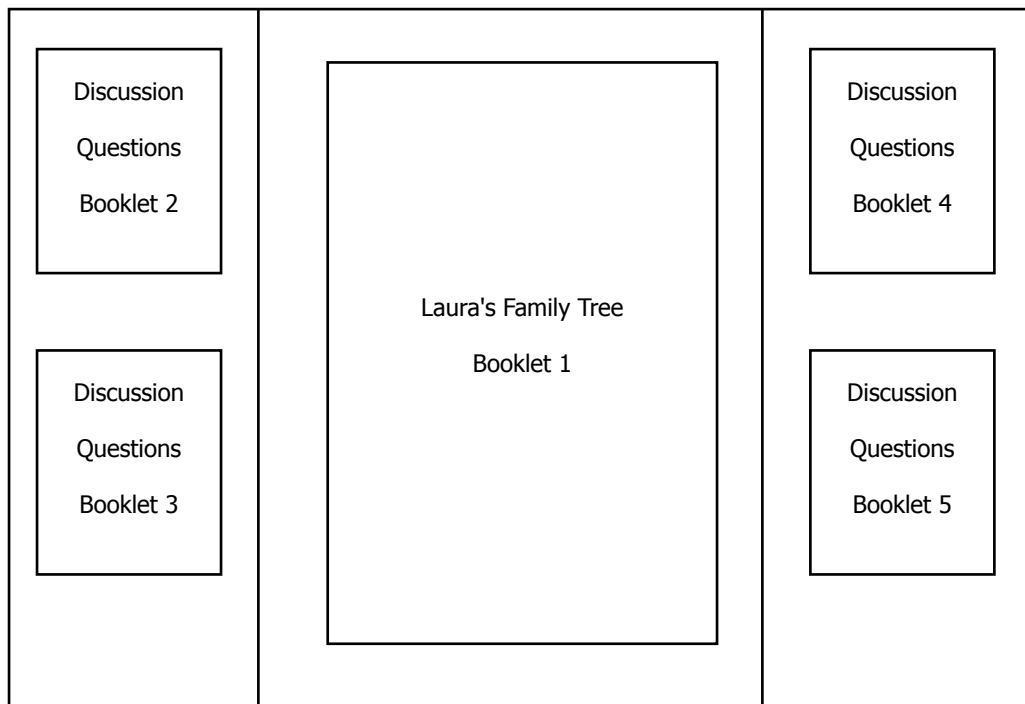
Base Assembly & Layout Guide

You will need 3 folders of any color. Fold both sides toward the original middle fold and make firm creases on these folds (Figure 1). Then glue (and staple if needed) the backs of the small flaps together (Figure 2).

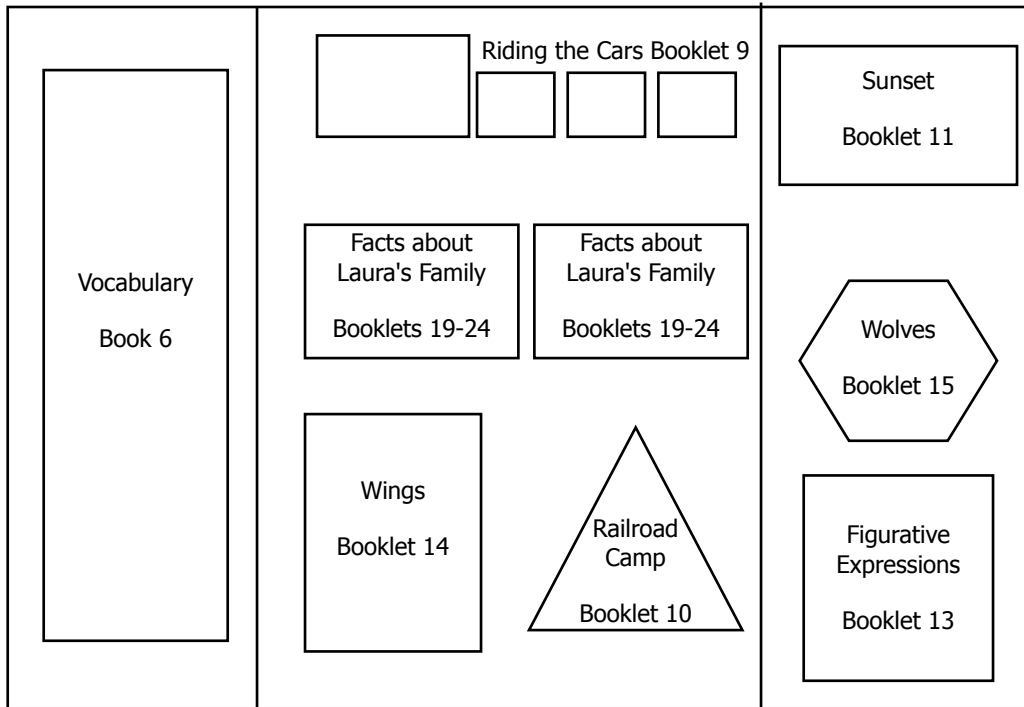


This is the "Layout" for your lapbook. The shapes are not exact on the layout, but you will get the idea of where each booklet should go inside your lapbook.

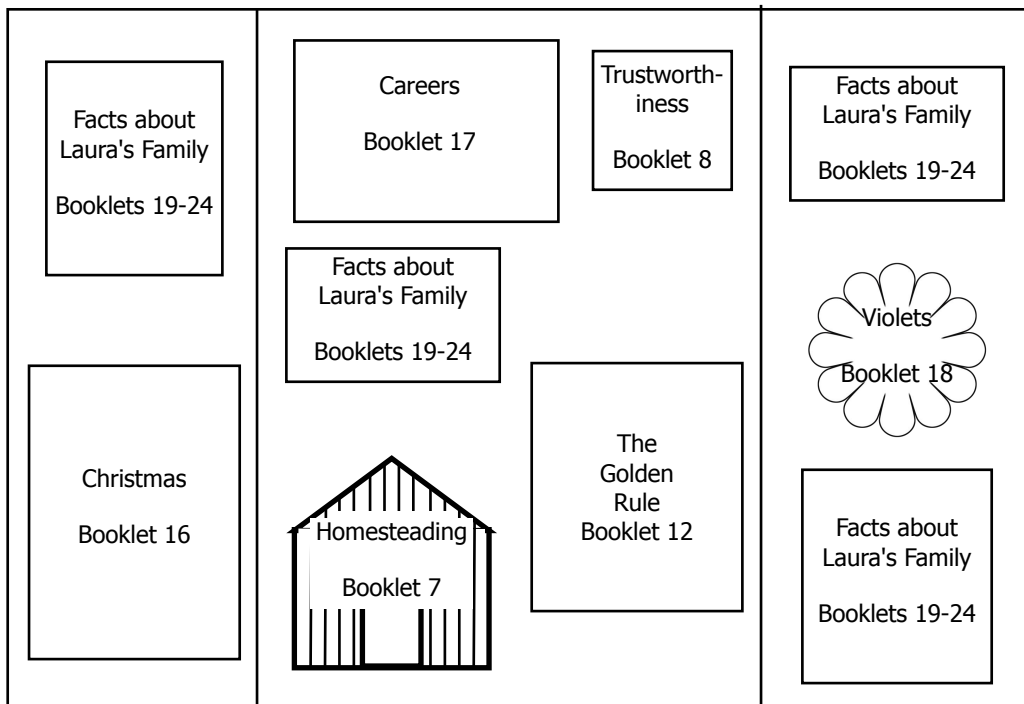
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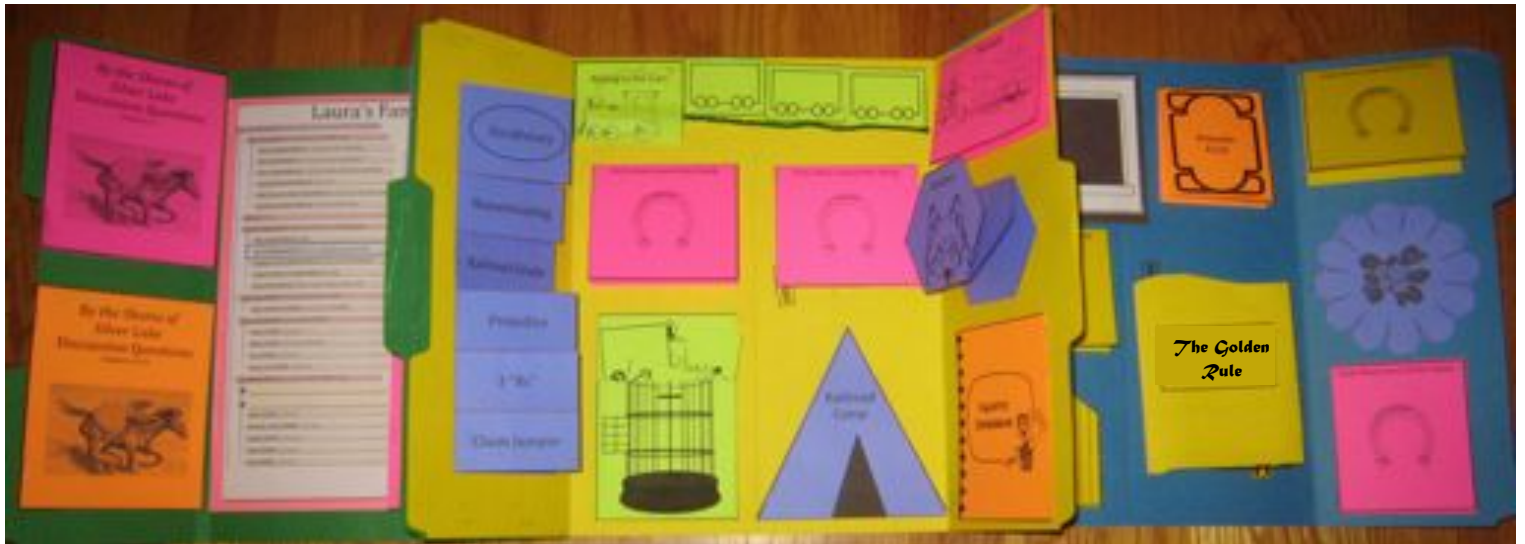


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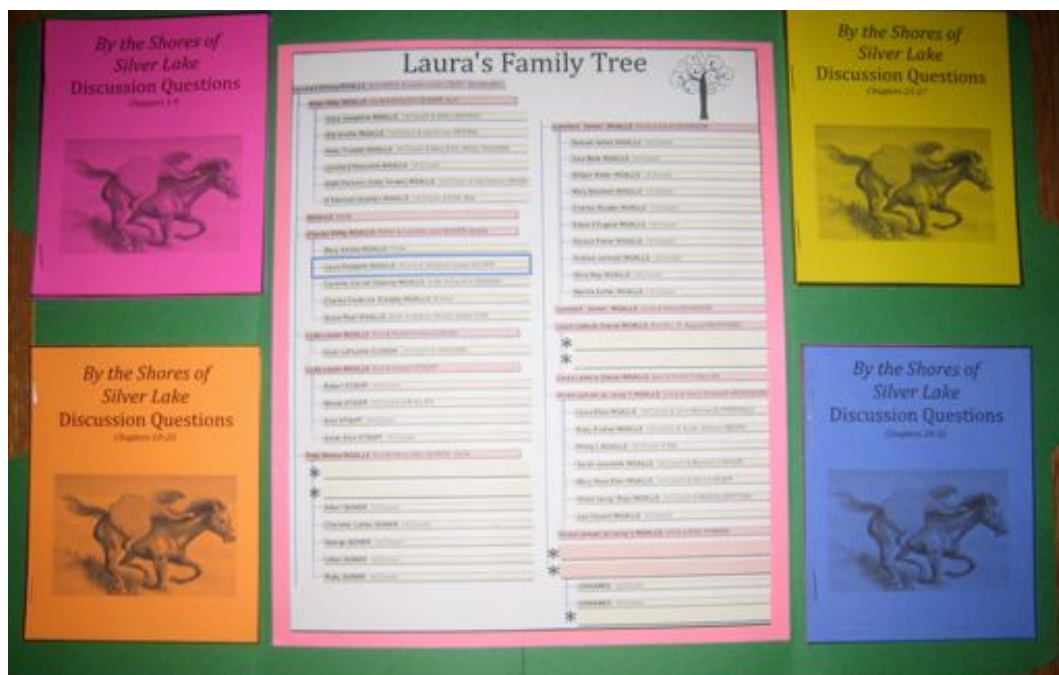


Below you will find pictures of a completed *By the Shores of Silver Lake* Lapbook. YOUR lapbook will be laid out in the SAME way.

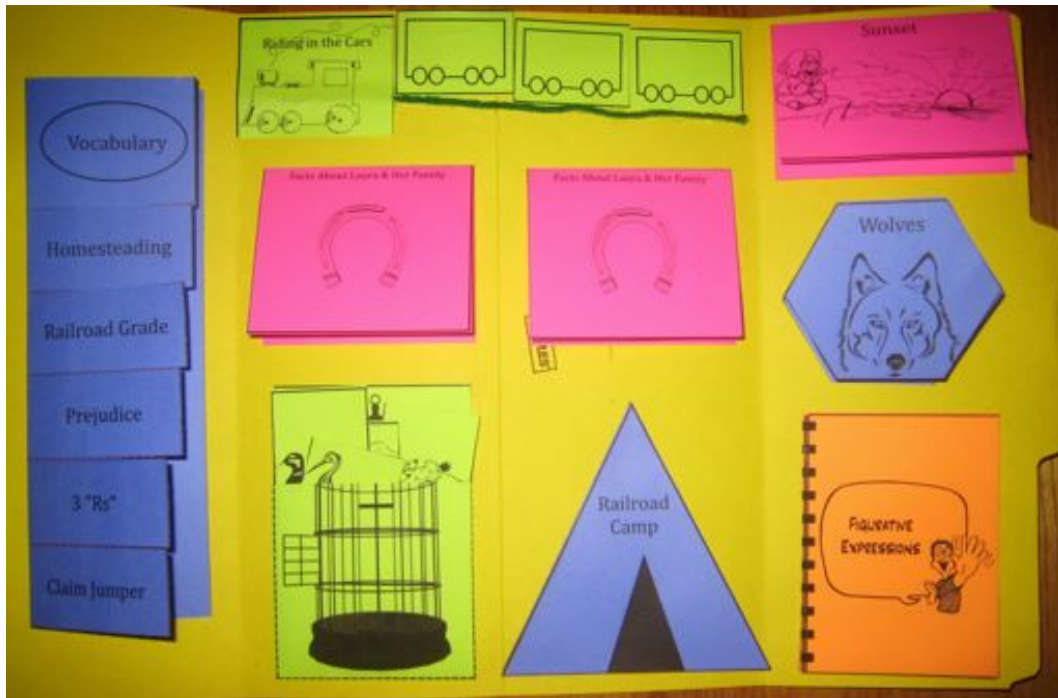
This should help in figuring out how to assemble the booklets and then how to put it all together!



Inside of Folder #1:



Inside of Folder #2:



Inside of Folder #3:



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Student Instruction Guide

Booklet #1

*Booklet Title: Laura's Family Tree (Chapters 1 & 6)

*Student Instructions: Reading about Laura's family can be confusing, especially since there were three marriages between the Ingalls and the Quiners. Ma's brother, Henry, married Pa's sister, Polly; and Pa's brother, Peter, married Ma's sister, Eliza! That meant all of their children were double first-cousins to Laura and her sisters. See if you can fill in the missing names on the family descendant chart for Booklet #1. If you have trouble, the answers are at the end of the study guide!

*Completed booklet will be glued into Folder #1 (See Layout)

**Assembly Instructions: Cut the booklet out around the outer black line edges. Mat on a slightly larger piece of paper and glue the booklet into the folder.

Booklets #2-5

*Booklet Title: Discussion Questions (All Chapters)

*Student Instructions: Answer the Discussion Questions after completing each chapter in the book. If you do not have room to write your answers on these pages, you may just use the booklet to guide you while discussing the answers, or you may use the blank pages on Page 23 of this Study Guide to write your answers.

*Completed booklets will be glued into Folder #1 (See Layout)

**Assembly Instructions: Cut booklet pages out around the black line edges on pages 16-22 of this Study Guide. Stack pages for chapters 1-9 in order with the cover page on top, secure along the left side with staples, and glue into folder. Repeat for chapters 10-20, chapters 21-27, and chapters 28-32. Alternatively, you may use blank pages from copies of page 23 in this Study Guide.

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Discussion Questions

Chapters 1-9



Chapter 1:

Why was Pa being offered such good pay for a job which did not require much manual labor? Why is it important to be trustworthy?

Why did Ma and the girls remain behind at Plum Creek for a time?

Chapter 2:

Have you ever had a pet die? How do you think Laura felt at that moment?

Chapter 3:

Why was riding on the train and carrying the bags so difficult for Ma and Laura and the other girls?

What treats did they get along the way?

Chapter 4:

What were some of the things that Laura and her sisters saw and heard that were new, and even shocking, in this strange new place?

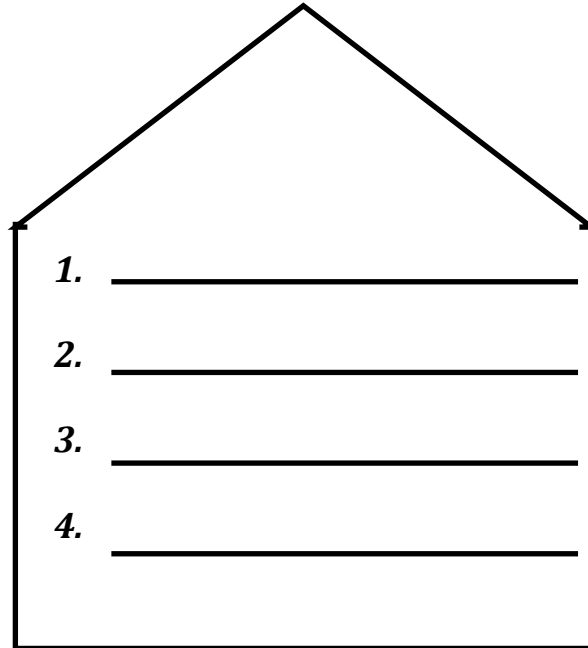
Chapter 5:

Think about what traveling was like in the days before there were roads or any kind of mechanized vehicles. How long would it take you to get to the store? Your church? Your grandmother's house? How did railroads revolutionize travel in the late 19th century?

Vocabulary

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	Homesteading
	Railroad Grade
	Prejudice
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Homesteading

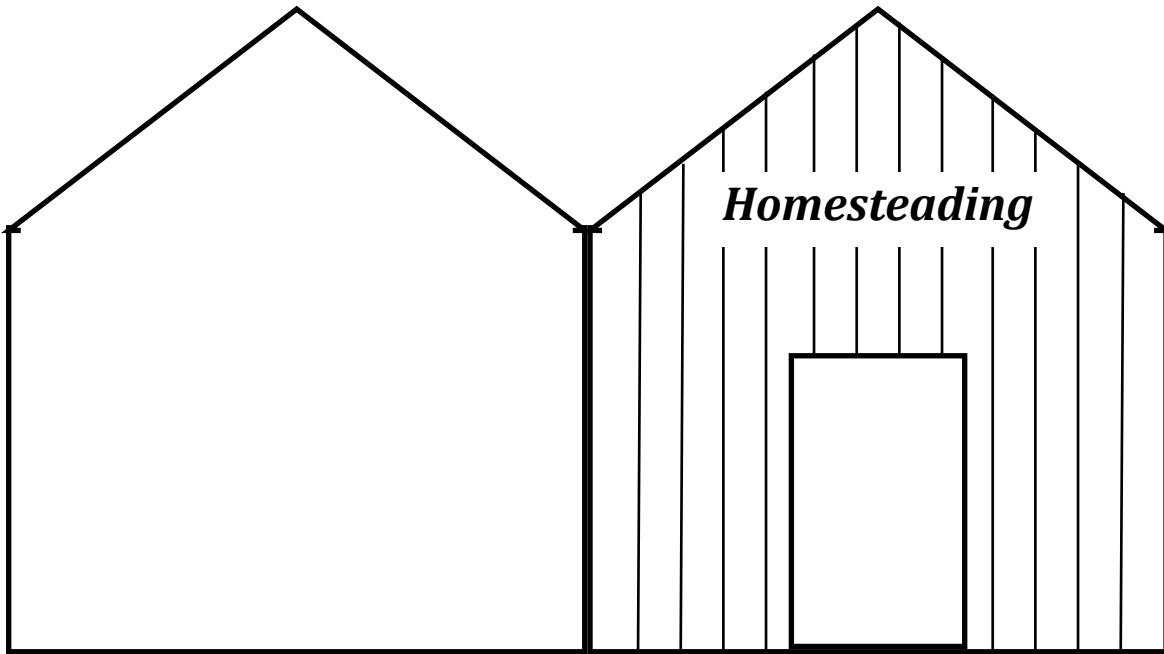


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Lapbook

Study Guide



Beyond the lake's eastern shore the pale sky was bordered with bands of crimson and gold. Their brightness stretched around the south shore and shone on the high bank that stood up from the water in the east and the north. . . . Silver Lake lay like a sheet of silver in its setting of tall wild grasses.

When Laura Ingalls was thirteen years old, she moved into her eighth "Little House," a claim shanty on the Ingalls family's new homestead claim by the shores of Silver Lake in De Smet in the Dakota Territory. All told, this was the tenth moving day of her short lifetime. Born in a little log house in Pepin, Wisconsin in 1867, she had moved with her family to the Indian Territory in Kansas in 1869. She was too young to remember much of Kansas, but later she researched her time there and based her book *Little House on the Prairie* on that time period. In 1871 the Ingalls family moved back to the Big Woods of Wisconsin and lived in their little log house for a second time. Laura's first book, *Little House in the Big Woods*, was based on her memories from that time period, though in her books, she changed the timeline a bit and put the move to Kansas later. In 1874 the family moved to the sod house *On the Banks of Plum Creek* near Walnut Grove, Minnesota. Pa later built a house with lumber on that property, the fourth "Little House," and the one featured in the television series *Little House on the Prairie*.

There is a gap of two years between the books *On the Banks of Plum Creek* and *By the Shores of Silver Lake*. It was a hard two years for the Ingalls family, about which Laura did not wish to go into detail in her children's books. She briefly stated, in the first chapter of *By the Shores of Silver Lake*, that the crops had been poor, the family was in debt, and there was now a doctor's bill because the family had been stricken with scarlet fever, which had left Mary blind. In addition to these hardships, Laura's only brother had died at the tender age of nine months. He was never mentioned in her books. Also, in the fall of 1876, the Ingalls moved to Burr Oak, Iowa, to run the Masters Hotel, which was owned by friends of theirs and which is still standing. That was the fifth move, but there was no "Little House" there, as they lived in the hotel. The Ingalls may have stayed with some family members during the missing two years as well. Little Freddie Ingalls died August 27, 1876, and was buried en route during the travels in Wabasha County, Minnesota. Grace Pearl Ingalls, the fourth girl in the family, was born in Burr Oak. In 1878, the Ingalls family moved back to Walnut Grove, presumably to the same house they had previously occupied.

By the Shores of Silver Lake picks up the story at the end of the family's time in Walnut Grove, not mentioning the birth or death of little Freddie or the time spent in Iowa. Laura was twelve years old when the Ingalls moved to the railroad shanty in De Smet in what was then the Dakota Territory. Later the same year, they moved into the Surveyors' House, and the following year, in 1880, they moved into Pa's building in town and finally to their homestead. Charles Ingalls would later add on to the claim shanty and make it the family's home, and he and Caroline would spend the rest of their lives there or in their house in the town of De Smet.

Additional Links for Study

Silver Lake, though smaller now than in Laura's day, still glistens in De Smet, South Dakota. The cottonwoods Pa planted in *By the Shores of Silver Lake* still stand. All the areas where the Ingalls family lived, made popular by the *Little House* books, are now popular tourist destinations, and several hold museums memorializing the lives of the Ingalls and Wilders. You can find additional information, and see pictures of the houses or replicas of the houses in which Laura lived, at the following links:

Laura Ingalls Wilder Timeline - <http://www.hoover.archives.gov/LIW/timeline/timeline.html>

Town of De Smet, South Dakota, historical pictures - <http://www.desmetsd.com/DeSmet/Our-Town/History>

Pictures of the Little Houses and replicas - <http://beepsnrays.blogspot.com/2010/08/little-houses.html>

Pictures of the Ingalls' De Smet homestead - <http://homespunheadlines.blogspot.com/2010/08/okay-ill-admit-it-when-char-said-she.html>

Laura Ingalls Wilder sites - <http://ms.loganhocking.k12.oh.us/~madame/personal/LIW.htm>

Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Homes - <http://www.liwms.com/>

Map of Laura's Travels - <http://dev.lauraingallswilderhome.com/images/travelmap.jpg>

Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Home and Museum - <http://dev.lauraingallswilderhome.com/>

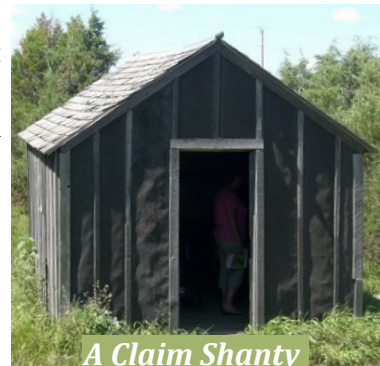
Laura Ingalls Wilder Park and Museum in Burr Oak, Iowa - <http://www.lauraingallswilder.us/>

Homesteading

The Homestead Act of 1862 opened land in the West for settlement with little investment of money. It was hoped that the Act would help impoverished people in the East who could not afford land, and that it would speed the development of the western part of the country. Any citizen who had never born arms against the United States could file a claim for a previously unclaimed 160-acre land grant and settle on it. According to the U.S. National Park Service, each homesteader must "live on the land, build a home, make improvements and farm for 5 years." (<http://www.nps.gov/home/historyculture/abouthomesteadactlaw.htm>) Immigrants, women, freed slaves, and poor farmers rushed to seize the opportunity, and settlement spread gradually Westward. While much of the prairie land was settled in this way, these pioneers found that developing these homesteads could make for a hard life.

The pursuit of the homesteading dream was what took Charles Ingalls and his family first to Kansas in the 1870s, believing that the land there would soon be open for homesteading and wanting to get a good claim; then to Minnesota in 1874, where he traded for a piece of land instead of making a homestead claim; then to the Dakota Territory in 1879, where he finally established his homestead. The Ingalls became the very first settlers in De Smet. Charles was a hard worker, and he met hardship after hardship with the continuing dream that someday he would be able to support his family in a grander style. While he never became rich, he did establish a home and manage to always provide for his wife and children, giving them love and strong values all the way.

Learn more about the Homestead Act at <http://www.history.com/topics/homestead-act> and <http://www.nps.gov/home/historyculture/abouthomesteadactlaw.htm>.



A Claim Shanty



On Television

If you have been watching the television series *Little House on the Prairie* as part of your *Little House* study, you may wish to continue to do so. *Little House on the Prairie* starred Melissa Gilbert as Laura Ingalls and ran from 1974-1983. The TV Pilot movie was a two-hour special based on the book *Little House on the Prairie*. The TV series began with the Ingalls family moving into a house, not a dugout, at Plum Creek near Walnut Grove. Some of the early episodes were based on parts of *On the Banks of Plum Creek*, while many were made up. The series is now available on DVD, from places such as Netflix and Amazon, and some episodes are available on YouTube.

As you begin reading *By the Shores of Silver Lake*, the television show will take a serious departure from what you are reading, as the TV series keeps the Ingalls family in Walnut Grove permanently. Characters such as Nellie Oleson, Laura's nemesis who played a part in only a few chapters of *On the Banks of Plum Creek*, remain lead characters on the show. (Nellie Oleson will return in future *Little House* books, but she is not in *By the Shores of Silver Lake*.) New characters who actually lived in De Smet, such as Almanzo and Royal Wilder, are later introduced in Walnut Grove in the TV series. Some major events, such as Mary's blindness, are covered in the television show, but the majority of the events in the show are fiction from here forward.

While reading *By the Shores of Silver Lake*, watch any or all of Seasons 2-5 of the television series. Look for similarities to and differences from the books. There will be a short recap at the end of the Study Guide.

TV Family with Baby Grace



***Grace Pearl Ingalls
c. 1878***



TV House, Walnut Grove



Replica of Ingalls Homestead, De Smet



Read Chapter 1: Unexpected Visitor

Chapter 1 begins in 1879, shortly after scarlet fever has devastated the family. Ma was still weak, and Mary was blind. Mary was 14 years old, Laura was 12, Carrie was almost 9, and they had a new baby sister, Grace, who was not quite 2. This was a coming-of-age time for Laura, and the reader can see the difference in her personality from what it was in the former books. While she was still adventurous and longed to be carefree and playful, she was entering her teenage years, and with Mary's blindness came new responsibility for Laura. She now, in some ways, had to fulfill the role of the oldest child, since Mary was unable to. She had to help Ma with the chores, help Mary get around, and watch after her younger sisters. She often seemed to be the strongest and heartiest of the girls, and she'd had to take care of the others during the scarlet fever. From this point on, she always seemed to feel a great sense of responsibility to help her family.

As she was helping her mother with the chores one morning, Laura saw a strange buggy coming down the path. It was her Aunt Docia, her father's sister, whom Laura had not seen since she was a young girl in the Big Woods of Wisconsin. Docia had come to offer Charles a job. Her husband, Hi, was managing a railroad camp, and he needed someone he could trust to manage the books and the time-checks. He opted to hire family. The Ingalls family had met great hardship in Walnut Grove, and although Ma hated to leave a place that was settled, Pa was anxious to seize the opportunity to move West for a fresh start.

Discussion:

Why was Pa being offered such good pay for a job which did not require much manual labor? Why is it important to be trustworthy?

Why did Ma and the girls remain behind at Plum Creek for a time?

