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Chapters 5 & 6

Vocabulary:

Circle the letter of the correct meaning *as it was used in the book*.

1. namesake
 - a. a person named after someone
 - b. to do something for someone

2. mild
 - a. a flavor
 - b. gentle

3. palisade
 - a. a castle
 - b. a fence of sharp wooden stakes

4. petticoat
 - a. an underskirt
 - b. a jacket

5. serious
 - a. earnest, sincere, and solemn
 - b. angry, frowning

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- 6. mortar & pestle
 - a. coffee grinder
 - b. a bowl and stick used to grind things

Questions:

- 1. Sarah was nervous when her father left to build the house. What did she do to encourage herself? _____

- 2. What is your favorite Bible story? Why? _____

- 3. Why do you think the Indian children gathered around to watch her? _____

- 4. She wished that God would tell her what to do. He did not speak out loud but Sarah suddenly knew what to do. What was it? _____

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5. At the end of chapter five, Sarah is sorry about something. What was it? _____

6. After she asked her father if she could visit the Indian houses, she waited quietly and patiently for his answer. Would that have been hard to do? Why?

7. What do you think Sarah's reaction would have been if he had said no? Why? Support your answer with at least two reasons. _____

8. How did Sarah honor her father? _____

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Read Deuteronomy 5:16, “Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you,” and Proverbs 23:24, “The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him.” In what way can you honor your father and/or mother?

Word Pictures:

A word picture is made by using words that create a picture in your mind or a feeling. They are called *imagery*, *similes*, and *metaphors*. Finish the sentences.

1. Sarah kept *as still as* _____.
2. The children came in, creeping nearer, creeping nearer, *like* _____
_____.
3. *Like* _____, the children were off and away.
4. So she went out and filled a basket with the berries, which were *like* _____
_____.

Answer Key

Before-you-read Activities

1. Answers will vary.
2. Answers will vary.
3. Now people stay in motels, inns, and hotels. The rest of the answer will vary.
4. The settlers built many styles of homes. The most common were sod shanties, dugouts and log cabins. Years later as the westward expansion hit the prairies, sod shanties and rough board shacks were the most common. Materials consisted of whatever was easily available, usually logs, wood planks and sod. Settlers either built their own homes or traded labor or goods to have help building their home.
5. Answers will vary.

As-you-read Activity

1. Different times in the book that Sarah holds the cloak and reminds herself to keep up her courage:
 - a. The first night Sarah draws her cloak close.
 - b. She thought about her family, and baking pies and fell asleep holding a fold of the cloak and saying “Keep up your courage Sarah Noble.”
 - c. She keeps her cloak on while waiting for her father to come into Mistress Robinson’s house.
 - d. She asked for her cloak and held it tightly that night sleeping in Mistress Robinson’s house and saying “Keep up your courage, Sarah Noble.”
 - e. The first night in the cave, Sarah stayed comfortable wrapped in her warm cloak. She said “Keep up your courage” after the skunk was gone.
 - f. She said “Keep up your courage” each day when she sat alone while her father built the house.
 - g. When Sarah got lonely and had no one, not even her doll, to read to, she got up and got her cloak.
 - h. She told herself to keep up her courage when the Indian children encircled her.
 - i. When her father left, Sarah held Tall John’s hand and wrapped her cloak tightly around herself and repeated, “Keep up your courage.”
 - j. While she stayed with Tall John’s family, she slept always with a fold of her cloak caught in her hand, Before she fell asleep, she said “Keep up your courage.”

Why did she hold the cloak, and what did it remind her of?

Sarah held the cloak for comfort and encouragement. It reminded Sarah of her mother.

Chapters 1 & 2

Vocabulary:

1. settlement = a place or region newly settled, or a small village.
2. musket = a large heavy shoulder gun such as a flintlock or a matchlock.
3. heathen savage = an uncivilized, irreligious barbarian.
4. timidly = lacking in courage or self-confidence or boldness. Shyly.
5. fearful = full of fear, afraid.

Questions:

1 through 8. Answers will vary, but each child should have explainable and/or logical reasons for his or her answers.

Chapters 3 & 4

Vocabulary:

Their definitions may vary.

1. solemn = somber, gloomy, serious.
2. coarse = large, rough texture.
3. fair = pleasing to the eye and mind. Fresh and charming, beautiful.
4. hollowed = having an indentation, cavity or hole.