

Sarah, Plain and Tall

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CHAPTER 1

hearthstones homely feisty holler

Who is the narrator?

What happened to "mama"?

How does the family feel? What clues in the text lead you to that answer?

What question does Caleb constantly ask?

Why does Jacob place an ad in the newspaper?

Who is Sarah?

CHAPTER 2

pesky

Can you put yourself in the children's place? How would you feel if this were you?

What happens to the letters from Sarah?

CHAPTER 3

wild-eyed flax

How do you think Sarah feel sad at this point? What clues lead you to this answer?

CHAPTER 4

roamer Paddock

What emotions do you think Anna and Caleb are feeling right now? What about Sarah? What events make you think this?

Why is Caleb excited when Sarah says she is going to pick flowers to dry and says "we can have flowers all winter long."?

CHAPTER 5

coarse mica

Sarah told Caleb, "Something is missing." What do you think she means? Why?

Why does Caleb get so excited when Sarah says "our dune"?

On a separate sheet of paper, list three major events of this section?

CHAPTER 6

reins tumbleweeds petticoat sputtering

Why do you think Caleb and Anna can't swim?

Why does Sarah seem happy at the end of this chapter?

Create a Venn diagram comparing and contrasting the Midwest and Maine.

CHAPTER 7

whickering primly squawk nasturtiums

Why does Matthew and Maggie come to visit? Why is this good for Sarah?

What things does Sarah tell Maggie that she misses? What does Maggie tell Sarah in reply?

Why would Papa bring Sarah roses?

What do the roses tell us about the time of year? What does this mean for Sarah?

CHAPTER 8

crisply wisps weary squall pungent eerie

Why does Sarah put on Jacob's overalls?

CHAPTER 9

Why do you think Sarah is so determined to get to town? Why does Caleb and Anna think she is leaving?

Why does she really go to town?

What do you discover about Sarah's feelings for the family in this chapter? What clues make you think that way?

List three major events in this section (chapters 6-9).

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