

## Little Town on the Prairie: Literature Test

I. Match each name with a description of the character. Write the corresponding letter on the line.

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| _____ 1. Charles Ingalls  | A. the protagonist (main character) of the story                                        |
| _____ 2. Caroline Ingalls | B. Laura's blind sister                                                                 |
| _____ 3. Laura Ingalls    | C. Laura's friend from school                                                           |
| _____ 4. Mary Ingalls     | D. Laura's teacher; sister to Almanzo                                                   |
| _____ 5. Almanzo Wilder   | E. young man who escorts Laura home from the School Exhibition                          |
| _____ 6. Mary Power       | F. Laura's father                                                                       |
| _____ 7. Miss Wilder      | G. Laura's mother                                                                       |
| _____ 8. Nellie Oleson    | H. young girl Laura knew from Plum Creek; schoolmate who makes life difficult for Laura |

II. Choose the correct answer and write its corresponding letter on the line.

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| _____ 9. What is the setting (time and place) of <i>Little Town on the Prairie</i> ?                 |                                    |
| A. Illinois; WWII                                                                                    | B. 1881; De Smet, South Dakota     |
| C. 1881; Kentucky                                                                                    | D. Illinois; Civil War             |
| _____ 10. Which of the following could be considered a theme for <i>Little Town on the Prairie</i> ? |                                    |
| A. The importance of faith                                                                           | B. The importance of family        |
| C. The value of hard work                                                                            | D. All of the above                |
| _____ 11. How did Laura's sister, Mary, become blind?                                                |                                    |
| A. She was in a wreck                                                                                | B. From Tuberculosis               |
| C. From Scarlet Fever                                                                                | D. From a head injury              |
| _____ 12. How did Pa make their house larger on their land?                                          |                                    |
| A. He added a bathroom                                                                               | B. He created a cellar             |
| C. He added 2 bedrooms                                                                               | D. He made the kitchen larger      |
| _____ 13. What happened to the corn crop that Pa planted?                                            |                                    |
| A. There wasn't enough rain                                                                          | B. Gophers ate it                  |
| C. There was a blizzard                                                                              | D. A fire destroyed it             |
| _____ 14. How did Pa end up with a haircut one night?                                                |                                    |
| A. A mouse chewed on his hair                                                                        | B. His hair was caught in the plow |
| C. Ma cut his hair                                                                                   | D. Carrie cut his hair             |

- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. What job did Laura do in town to help make money to send Mary to college?  
A. Sewed buttonholes on shirts  
B. Cleaned houses  
C. Washed dishes  
D. None of the above
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Who won the horse race on the Fourth of July?  
A. Royal Wilder  
B. Miss Wilder  
C. Pa  
D. Almanzo Wilder
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. What gift did Ma bring home for Laura and Carrie from Iowa?  
A. A letter from Mary  
B. Dresses  
C. A package of fruit  
D. Autograph albums
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Who told the students Miss Wilder's first name?  
A. Mary Power  
B. Nellie Oleson  
C. Laura  
D. Carrie
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Who did Miss Wilder tell the school board was the cause of all the trouble at the school?  
A. Mary Power  
B. Nellie  
C. Carrie  
D. Laura
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. What activity did the townspeople compete against each other at the first Literary Society meeting?  
A. A spelling match  
B. Charades  
C. A geography bee  
D. A horse race
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. What did Laura receive as a gift from her parents at Christmas?  
A. An autograph album  
B. A book of poems by Tennyson  
C. Name cards  
D. A necklace
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. What surprising weather caught everyone off guard in April?  
A. A blizzard  
B. A monsoon  
C. A tornado  
D. A drought
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. What job did Ma have before she was married?  
A. A seamstress  
B. A nurse  
C. A teacher  
D. A general store clerk
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. What kind of job did Mr. Boast and Mr. Brewer offer Laura at the end of the book?  
A. A teaching position  
B. A nursing position  
C. Sewing shirts  
D. A waitress position
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. What is the moral or lesson of a book called?  
A. Simile  
B. Personification  
C. Theme  
D. Tone