

THE COURAGE OF SARAH NOBLE

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Chapter 1: Night in the Forest

Vocabulary

1. coat
2. buttoning
3. a colony
4. gun
5. the mother of his cubs
6. preparing with great concern, bustle, and fussiness

Comprehension Questions

1. They are traveling to new land in Connecticut.
2. She hears an owl, a fox, and a wolf.
3. Some of the children were too young to go.
4. She can cook.
5. Besides the mother and father, there are a number of children: Sarah, John, David, Stephen, Mary, Hannah, Margaret, and the baby.
6. "Keep up your courage, Sarah Noble!"

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Chapter 3: Down the Long Hill

Vocabulary

1. with great tiredness
2. leather bridle
3. sad or morose looking
4. very sharp incline
5. rough
6. foggy; gauzy
7. types of trees
8. frightening, deep forest

Comprehension Questions

1. They plan to live in a cave with a fence built around the opening.
2. Thomas will drag logs to the building site.
3. She feels there is no love in the Robinson house.
4. She believes Sarah understands things that most children do not.
5. She says the eyes of the deer are so gentle.
6. It is a beautiful valley surrounded by green hills.
7. He assures her that the Indians will not harm them.

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Chapter 2: Night in the Settlement

Vocabulary

1. lock
2. Massachusetts was a British colony before it became a state of the United States.
3. bashfully
4. edgily; angrily
5. uncivilized or primitive people
6. unthreatening; unknowing
7. sadness

Comprehension Questions

1. The settlement has a number of brown houses and seems welcoming.
2. Mrs. Robinson has four children, a face different from Sarah's mother, asks many questions, and is concerned about Sarah being in the wilderness.
3. Besides she and her husband, Andrew, there are two boys (Lemuel and Robert) and two girls (Abigail and Mary).
4. They are all together with their mother; they have a fire in the fireplace; the mother clucks and fusses over everyone.
5. The boys tell her the Indians will eat her. The mother says it is a pity she is so young going into the wilderness.
6. Sarah holds onto her cloak.

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Chapter 4: Night in the Cave

Vocabulary

1. building lots
2. gradually declined down a hillside
3. scooped out; made barren in the middle
4. stew
5. animal that lives in the woods

Comprehension Questions

1. Trees have already been cleared and the land divided into plots for houses.
2. A snapping branch came from a tree; small foot-steps were a woodchuck.
3. He carries bedding, pots, seeds, tools, and warm clothes.
4. The odor came from a skunk.
5. She is proud that she is keeping up her courage.
6. She finds the sounds a pleasant pattern that lulls her to sleep.

Noticing Details

Answers will vary.