

## Reading Notes

<b>waist</b>	the upper part of a garment, extending from the shoulders to the waistline
<b>moccasins</b>	soft leather slippers
<b>primer</b>	an elementary textbook for teaching children to read
<b>jeering</b>	mocking; taunting

## Vocabulary

1. a little boy **trudged** to school \_\_\_\_\_
2. Five big boys were **scuffling** in the deep snow by the path. \_\_\_\_\_
3. They **boasted** that no teacher could finish the winter term \_\_\_\_\_
4. Mr. Corse **rapped** on his desk with his ruler \_\_\_\_\_
5. No whispering was permitted in school, and no **fidgiting**. \_\_\_\_\_

## Comprehension Questions

1. Give the names and ages of the four Wilder children. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Briefly describe Eliza Jane. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Why does Almanzo have to be the one to carry the dinner-pail to school? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Who is the teacher and why is he staying with the Wilder family at their home? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Find where Mr. Corse is described and list three characteristics that describe him. \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. In what way are students punished for not knowing their lessons? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Reading Notes

<b>eave</b>	the part of a roof that extends out past the wall
<b>fringe</b>	a decorative border or edging of hanging threads attached to a band
<b>haymow</b>	the part of a barn where hay or straw is stored
<b>hoopskirt</b>	a long full skirt belled out with a series of connected circular supports

## Vocabulary

1. The wise, sedate work-horses **placidly** munched hay. \_\_\_\_\_
2. But the colts ran about excited, on their **gangling** legs \_\_\_\_\_
3. a plate of **quivering** headcheese \_\_\_\_\_
4. Almanzo ate the sweet, **mellow** baked beans. \_\_\_\_\_
5. He **demolished** a tall heap of pale mashed turnips \_\_\_\_\_

## Comprehension Questions

1. What chores does Almanzo do after school? How are they different from the chores his sisters do?

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2. Contrast the old work-horses with the young colts. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Describe Mother. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Who gets served a plate of food first? Who gets served last? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Why can't Almanzo speak at the table? \_\_\_\_\_

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