Pronounce & Spell

prairie  hailed  wandered  visitor  aunt

Vocabulary: Write the meaning of each bold word or phrase.

1. built a sod house ________________________________
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2. He made sure the ... hearth fire was lit ________________________________
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3. Free as a lark ________________________________
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4. to give you schooling ________________________________
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5. I can hardly read or write ________________________________
   ________________________________

6. stormed out of the house ________________________________
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Comprehension Questions: Answer in complete sentences.

1. In what year did the Bidson family move? ________________________________
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2. From where did they move? ________________________________
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Chapter 1: The New Land
3. How old was Noah? ___________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________

4. List four ways Noah helped the family on the prairie:
   1. _________________________________________________________________________________
   2. _________________________________________________________________________________
   3. _________________________________________________________________________________
   4. _________________________________________________________________________________

5. Who was coming to visit? _____________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________

Discussion

1. What was life like in 1880? Talk about how moving and setting up a house would be different then.
2. Look at a map. Locate Maine and Colorado. Discuss how the family might have traveled and how long
   the trip might have taken.
3. Talk about the reasons Noah’s parents probably had for wanting a good education for Noah.
4. Reread the final sentence in the chapter. This is a sentence to remember. Noah believes the stars are
   unimportant and he believes reading is unimportant. Do you think he is correct about either, both, or
   neither? Explain.