

Pronounce & Spell

prairie

hailed

wandered

visitor

aunt

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

1. built a **sod** house _____

2. He made sure the ... **hearth** fire was lit _____

3. Free as a **lark** _____

4. to give you **schooling** _____

5. I can **hardly** read or write _____

6. **stormed** out of the house _____

Comprehension Questions: Answer in complete sentences.

1. In what year did the Bidson family move? _____

2. From where did they move? _____

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.