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# Laura Ingalls Wilder

Laura Ingalls Wilder was born in 1867. She and her family lived in Wisconsin at the time of her birth. Her father moved the family often but would eventually settle the family for quite some time in Walnut Grove, Minnesota. Laura and her family were true pioneers of the West. As they moved about, she had many adventures and learned to do many chores that were vital to survival.

Laura had three sisters. She and her sisters learned to do many things to help their father. Despite moving so often, it was important to her family that she receive a good education. Laura's mother had been a schoolteacher, and when they did not live near a school, she made sure the girls were still learning. Whenever possible, though, Laura and her sisters attended school regularly.

When Laura turned sixteen, she became a teacher just as her mother had been. A year later, she married Almanzo Wilder. Their daughter Rose would eventually grow up and work in the publishing industry. Her knowledge of writing would help her mother bring her stories to print in a series of books about her life on the prairie. A television series would later be made based on her popular book series, helping solidify Laura Ingalls Wilder's name as one of the most famous American pioneers.

## Text Questions

1. According to the text, which event happens first?
   a. Wilder has a daughter named Rose.
   b. Wilder has a series of books published.
   c. Laura Ingalls marries Almanzo Wilder.
   d. Wilder's books are the basis for a television series.
2. What is one likely result of Laura Ingalls Wilder's education?
   a. She becomes a pioneer.
   b. She marries Almanzo Wilder.
   c. She becomes an author.
   d. She moved a lot as a child.
3. Why was education most likely important to Mrs. Ingalls?
   a. She had been a schoolteacher.
   b. She did not know how to read, and she wanted her children to be able to read.
   c. Her father was a professor at a university.
   d. Her grandmother had been a schoolteacher.
4. Which is a synonym for the word *pioneer* as it is used in the first paragraph?
   a. explorer
   b. immigrant
   c. inventor
   d. parent
5. Which item below is something Laura Ingalls Wilder might have done as a teenager?
   a. She might have churned butter.
   b. She might have published books.
   c. She might have driven a car.
   d. She might have played women's soccer.



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