



Jack & Jill

Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888) was born in Germantown, Pennsylvania, the second of four sisters. At an early age, Louisa and her family moved to Massachusetts, where she lived for most of her life. Her father was a teacher, and he encouraged Louisa to keep a diary. She started to write at the age of 16. Alcott used her diary to help her write about her own life and experiences. One of her most famous books is Little Women, which is based on the life of her family. She wrote Jack and Jill : A Village Story in 1880. Alcott has been called the "novelist of children" for her ability to reflect the teenage point of view.

Jack and Jill tells the story of life in rural New England at the turn of century. It tells how the friendship between the two main characters is tested by a terrible accident.

With the help of their Friends and family, they put their bad luck behind them and get on with their lives.

A.- Read the extract and match the characters with their descriptions, then make up sentences about them. Finally explain the underline words.

1		Frank Minot
2		Little Boo
3		Ed Devlin
4		Jack
5		Jill

- a. White teeth, golden hair
- b. short legs, round face
- c. tall, keen sparkle in his eye
- d. black eyes, red cheeks
- e. sweet-faced, Rosy cheeks



B.-Which of the characters is: serious;clever;good-natured;popular;protective;patient? Underline the words/ phrases/sentences which imply the character.

C. Which of the characters can you see in the pictures? Describe them.

D. Write the synonyms of :

BOY : _____

GATHERED:_____

SERIOUS: _____

PLAYFUL: _____

SMARTER:_____

GENEROUSLY:_____

GUY:_____

FIRST-RATE:_____

PROTECTED:_____

SHY:_____

