

Little House in the Big Woods: Chapters 11 and 12

1. What were Pa and Uncle Henry doing in the field?

- a) harvesting the corn
- b) plowing the ground for planting
- c) clearing the land for farm ground
- d) cutting oats and gathering them into bundles

2. What did Charley do in the fields with Pa and Uncle Henry?

- a) caused trouble
- b) ran errands
- c) helped shock the oats
- d) sharpened the blades

3. What did Charley do when Pa and Uncle Henry ran to see what was wrong?

- a) fell asleep in the oats
- b) threw a snake at them
- c) pretended to be injured
- d) laughed at them

4. What surprised Pa about Uncle Henry's reaction to Charley's "joke"?

- a) Uncle Henry spanked Charley
- b) Uncle Henry did not spank Charley
- c) Uncle Henry sent Charley back home
- d) Uncle Henry ignored Charley's screams

5. When Charley screamed the fourth time, Uncle Henry and Pa ignored him. What was wrong this time?

- a) he had fallen in the creek
- b) he had stepped on a yellow jacket nest
- c) Aunt Polly came running from the house
- d) he was chased by a bear cub

6. What were the only parts of Charley showing after Aunt Polly and Ma bundled him up?

- a) his fingers and toes
- b) his hair
- c) his nose and mouth
- d) his eyes

7. Why couldn't Laura's family stay for dinner?

- a) the girls were falling asleep
- b) Pa had to milk the cows
- c) Charley was too ill for company
- d) Pa thought there was trouble at home

8. What did Ma do to the straws that she soaked in water?

- a) she braided them to make a small mat
- b) plowing the ground for planting
- c) she burned them in the fire
- d) she braided them into a long rope

9. During Harvest time, what did they often have for supper?

- a) smoked ham and potatoes
- b) bread and water
- c) fresh butter and muffins
- d) hulled corn and milk

10. What was the big machine called? What was the little machine called?

- a) separator, horsepower
- b) harvester, horsepower
- c) combine, separator
- d) tractor, tumbler

11. Fill in the Blank: This was a(n) _____ machine. It had eight horses hitched to it to make it run.

- a) eight-horsepowered
- b) sixteen-horsepowered

- c) motorized
- d) horse-operated

12. What was the job of the little machine?

- a) to harvest the fields
- b) to turn the tumbling rod and operate the big machine
- c) to thresh the wheat
- d) to keep the horses in shape

13. What was the job of the big machine?

- a) to turn the tumbling rod and operate the big machine
 - b) to grind up the wheat into meal
 - c) to keep the horses in shape
 - d) to separate the wheat from the straw
14. What was the job of the man sitting on the little machine?

- a) to keep the horses moving
- b) to collect the wheat in large barrels
- c) to manage everyone else
- d) to turn the tumbling rod

15. What was Ma doing while all the men were in the fields?

- a) caring for Baby Carrie, who was ill
- b) collecting more wheat
- c) doing the daily chores
- d) preparing dinner for everyone

16. How did Pa pay the men before they moved onto the next farm?

- a) room and board
- b) sacks of wheat
- c) cash money
- d) animal furs

17. How long would it have taken Henry, Peterson, and Pa to do the work that the machines did that day?

- a) a few hours
- b) a couple of weeks
- c) two days
- d) a month