



LAURA INGALLS WILDER

The *Little House* books tell the story of Laura Ingalls Wilder and her family. Laura traveled with her parents and her sister, Mary, in a covered wagon across many states, including across the Indian Territory. They traveled around a lot. They set up a home each time they moved. Each place had different problems to face, but they worked together as a family.

Laura was born many years ago, in 1867. That was before there was electricity, cars, or television. Her family fought off grasshoppers, storms, dust, food shortages, and more. Laura's older sister, Mary, suffered a stroke and lost her eyesight. Laura's baby brother, Freddy, got sick and died. Another sister, Grace, was soon born into the family. It was a time of sacrifice for everyone. But the family stuck together. They learned to enjoy life, have fun, and make the best of it.

Laura went on to school and studied hard. She became the top student of the class and became a teacher. Laura went on to marry Almanzo Wilder. It was their daughter, Rose, who encouraged Laura to write her stories. These stories were published in a book that was instantly loved worldwide.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What type of stories are the *Little House* books?
 - a. historical fiction
 - b. mystery
 - c. science fiction
 - d. fantasy

2. What conclusions can be drawn about the Ingalls family?
 - a. They were religious and dedicated to missionary work.
 - b. They were wealthy and lived a life of luxury.
 - c. They were hard working and persevering.
 - d. They were lazy and undetermined.

3. Which statement best explains why Laura's books were so well received?
 - a. They were filled with adventure and real-life experiences.
 - b. People had the same experiences that Laura had.
 - c. These books were written in first person.
 - d. The content in the books is factual information.

4. What is the meaning of the phrase "stuck together" in the passage?
 - a. They were connected and couldn't get apart.
 - b. They were willing to sacrifice and get sick together.
 - c. They didn't like their neighbors much, so they spent time together as a family.
 - d. They didn't give up or turn away when times were tough.