

Little House in the Big Woods

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Book Punch – Evidence and Inference

The Evidence and Inference topics and their pre-writing questions are listed below. When you find a fact in the book that answers a pre-writing question, write the page number next to the question.

Evidence and Inference Topic 1

The changing seasons have a profound effect on people who live close to nature. In the story, the author describes getting ready for winter in the Big Woods. Write a paragraph describing the way the Ingalls family prepares for the coming of winter.

(This topic is recommended for students who have read through "Little House in the Big Woods.")

1. Why is it important that the Ingalls family prepare for the coming winter months?
2. Why was it difficult to get meat during the winter at the time the Ingalls family lived in the Big Woods?
3. What are some of the things Pa does to help prepare for the winter?
4. What does Ma do to help prepare for the winter?

Evidence and Inference Topic 2

Pioneer life in America was full of adventure. In the story, Pa leaves for town and Ma and Laura have an adventure involving a bear. Write a paragraph relating the events involving the bear.

(This topic is recommended for students who have read through "Two Big Bears.")

1. Why do Laura and Ma go out to the barn after dark?
2. What surprises Laura when they get to the barnyard?
3. What happens when Ma tries to open the barnyard gate? Describe all of Ma's actions.
4. What do Laura and Ma realize when the light shines on Sukey?

Evidence and Inference Topic 3

Nature can be awe-inspiring. In the story, Pa tells his family that he will go to a place the animals like to visit and he will hunt for fresh meat. His children are surprised that he comes home empty handed. Write a paragraph explaining Pa's reason for not hunting. *(This topic is recommended for students who have read through "The Deer in the Wood.")*

1. What is the first thing Pa does when he gets to the place where the animals like to visit? Why does Pa do what he does?
2. What does Pa do when he sees a male deer framed against the rising moon?
3. What happens when Pa sees the bear and then the doe and her fawn?
4. How does Pa feel about his actions and why?