



Read-Alone

Pioneer Girl

by William Anderson



Read-Alone Guide by Stacey Lane

Illuminations Year Five
Pioneer Girl
The Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder
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~ Week 1 ~

Supplies

- *Pioneer Girl* by William Anderson
- GO E-6, Log of Characters
- GO E-9, Story Pyramid
- Map of the United States

Optional Bible Study

- In Laura's bible she kept a reference list of verses that she read for guidance and encouragement. You can find the list at:
<http://www.laurasprairiehouse.com/research/bibleverses.html>
- Together with your student, choose a section to read each day.
- Laura read the King James Version; try comparing the same verses in different translations.

Week 1 - Day 1

- Determine where the halfway point of the book is by counting the pages. Read to the halfway point.
- Add Pa, Ma, Mary, and Laura to the GO E-6.
- 1. Why did the Ingalls have to leave their house in Kansas?
- 2. Where did they move after Pa felt the woods were too crowded in Wisconsin?
- 3. What dropped from the sky and ruined Pa's wheat crop?
- 4. What was Laura's first job?
- Read a picture book to a family member or friend. Have the family member close his or her eyes while you read and describe the pictures in the book to them.

Week 1 - Day 2

- Finish reading the book.
- Add Carrie, Grace, Almanzo, and Rose to the GO E-6.
- If you would like more details on the family members, go to:
<http://www.laurasprairiehouse.com/family/index.html>
- 1. How old was Laura when she married Almanzo?

2. Why did the Wilders move to Florida?
3. A shiny red apple, a gift from a friend, prompted the Wilders to do what?
4. Why did Laura write her books?

Week 1 - Day 3

- Color in Pepin, Wisconsin; Independence, Kansas; Walnut Grove, Minnesota; Burr Oak, Iowa; De Smet, (South) Dakota; Florida; and Mansfield, Missouri, on the map.
- Fill out a GO E-9, Story Pyramid.

Week 1 - Day 4

- Write a letter thanking Laura for her stories.
- Draw a picture thanking Laura for her stories.
- This site contains the response given when children wrote to Laura. Have students read the letter after they have written their letters.
<http://www.laurasprairiehouse.com/research/lettertofans.html>
- Watch an episode from the *Little House on the Prairie* TV Series.

