

Level 4 Little Women < Answer Key >

Chapter 1

Preview Questions

1. I think the little women will be girls who are friends or sisters.
2. Yes, I think it is easier to be poor if you have never been rich.
3. No, I don't have any sisters.

Review Questions

1. The girls' father was away from home helping the army.
2. Beth is thirteen years old.
3. Jo wrote the play that the girls performed at Christmas.

Chapter 2

Preview Questions

1. Yes, I think Jo and Laurie will become friends.
2. I think Meg will become Mr. Laurence's special friend.
3. I think Meg and Jo both work as teachers or in a store.

Review Questions

1. Amy wanted to be Susie Perkins because she saw that Susie was wearing a very beautiful ring and she wanted to wear one too.
2. Yes, Aunt March liked the book that Jo was reading because she made her go back to the beginning and read it again.
3. Mr. Laurence gave Beth a small piano.

Chapter 3

Preview Questions

1. No, teachers should never hit students.
2. The best way to control anger is to stay calm and figure out a solution to the problem that is making you angry.
3. No, you do not need to be rich to be happy.

Review Questions

1. Amy got into trouble at school because she had limes in her desk and that was not allowed.
2. Jo was angry with Amy because Amy threw Jo's precious book of stories into the fire.
3. Meg's friends thought that Mrs. March was making plans for Meg to marry Laurie because his grandfather was rich.

Chapter 4

Preview Questions

1. If I did not have any work to do, I would visit my friends and travel around the world.
2. If nobody did any work, nothing would get done and maybe then bad things would happen.
3. Yes, I have rowed a boat and it was not easy.

Review Questions

1. The girls did not enjoy not having any work to do. By the end of the week, they were bored with having no work to do.
2. Beth always got the letters from the letter box.
3. Mr. Brooke is Laurie's teacher.

Chapter 5

Preview Questions

1. My dream for my future is to have a good job and live in an interesting city.
2. In this chapter, I think some of the girls may have some dreams of their own. Meg may dream of marrying a good man. Jo may dream of becoming a writer. Beth may dream of becoming a pianist, and Amy may dream of becoming an artist.
3. I think some of the disappointments may be things having to do with the girl's futures.

Review Questions

1. Jo's hopes and dreams were to have a lot of horses and books and lots of time to write.
2. Marmee went to Washington because she got a telegram that said Mr. March was sick and she should come to the hospital where he was.
3. Jo got all of her hair cut off and sold it to get some money to give to Marmee.

Chapter 6

Preview Questions

1. Yes, I think Mr. March will get better.
2. Yes, I think Marmee will come home.
3. I think Mr. March will return home to his family.

Review Questions

1. Beth got sick from visiting the family with the sick children. She got scarlet fever from them and became very ill.
2. Laurie asked Marmee to come home.
3. Amy wanted to wear the ring that Aunt March gave her because she said it would help her remember not to be selfish, just like Beth.

Chapter 7

Preview Questions

1. Yes, I think Beth will get better.
2. Yes, I think Mr. March will get better.
3. Yes, I think Meg will marry Mr. Brooke.

Review Questions

1. Meg was angry with Jo because she thought that Jo was playing a trick on her by sending her letters from Mr. Brooke.
2. Laurie wrote the love letters that Meg received.
3. Aunt March got angry with Meg because she didn't approve of Meg marrying Mr. Brooke because he wasn't rich.

Chapter 8

Preview Questions

1. Yes, I think Mr. Brooke has saved enough money to marry Meg.
2. No, I don't think Aunt March will give Meg any presents for her wedding.
3. I think Laurie will make his grandfather happy by agreeing to do something that his grandfather wants him to do.

Review Questions

1. Aunt March bought presents for Meg by giving money to Aunt Carrol, who would buy the presents and give them to Meg as if they were from her and not Aunt March.
2. After the wedding and the party, John and Meg went to their little house.
3. Jo spent the money she won in the competition by sending Marmee and Beth on a holiday at the beach.

Chapter 9

Preview Questions

1. I think Meg will be a very good wife.
2. I think Amy will go to Europe with her aunt.
3. I think Meg and Amy will have problems with Aunt March.

Review Questions

1. No, John should have asked Meg first if it was OK to bring a guest home for lunch.
2. Meg sold the expensive dress to Sallie and used the money to buy John the coat that he wanted.
3. Aunt Carrol decided to take Amy to Europe instead of Jo because Jo said she didn't like people doing favors for her and that she thought French was a silly language.

Chapter 10

Preview Questions

1. No, I don't think Jo will go to Europe.
2. Sarah is my best friend. She is very kind and sweet.
3. You can tell a stranger is a good person by the way they behave towards you and others.

Review Questions

1. Amy met Fred and Frank Vaughn when she was in London.
2. Jo thinks Beth is sad because she loves Laurie and maybe Laurie doesn't love her back.
3. Jo likes Mr. Bhaer because he is kind and smart and a very good teacher.

Chapter 11

Preview Questions

1. Yes, I think Laurie will ask Jo to marry him, but I don't think Jo will agree.
2. Yes, I think your best friend can become your husband or wife.
3. For a wife, I think her husband and children are equally important.

Review Questions

1. Jo refused to marry Laurie because she didn't love him and she said that they would not make a good married couple. I think she was right because you shouldn't marry someone that you don't love.
2. Jo took Beth to the beach for a holiday.
3. Meg's mother told her to make her home nice for John and ask him to help with the children. This way, he would be around more and the house would be happy again.

Chapter 12

Preview Questions

1. No, I don't think Beth will get better.
2. No, you can't make somebody love you.
3. No, I don't think Jo will learn to love Laurie.

Review Questions

1. Amy told Laurie that he should do something that would make Jo love him.
2. Laurie tried to write a requiem and an opera for Jo because he thought it would make her love him.
3. Jo stopped writing stories because she was busy doing things around the house and looking after her mother and father. She started writing stories again to make herself happy again.

Chapter 13

Preview Questions

1. Yes, I think Jo is falling in love.
2. I think Laurie and Amy will be coming home.

3. I think Mr. Bhaer will visit Jo.

Review Questions

1. Laurie and Amy got married in Paris.
2. Yes, Laurie still loved Jo, but he loved her like a brother loves a sister.
3. Mr. Bhaer often went to see the March family because he wanted to see Jo.

Chapter 14

Preview Questions

1. Yes, I think that Jo will marry Mr. Bhaer.
2. No, it doesn't matter if your husband or wife is a lot older than you as long as you love him or her.
3. Yes, it matters if your dreams don't come true.

Review Questions

1. Jo wore her best clothes when she went for walks in case she saw Mr. Bhaer, who would walk with her.
2. Jo turned Aunt March's house into a school for boys.
3. The girls' dreams did not all come true, but they were very happy.

Level 4 Little Women < Summaries >

Chapter 1

The story was about Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy. They were aged sixteen, fifteen, thirteen and twelve. They lived with their mother while their father was in the war. They used to be rich, but now they were poor. They bought their mother some Christmas presents. They gave their special breakfast to people who were even poorer than they were, and a rich neighbor gave them a feast. The two older girls went to a dance and met Laurie, a boy who lived next door.

Chapter 2

The girls went about their daily lives. Meg helped to look after some young children. Jo looked after her Aunt March. Beth stayed at home to help Hannah, and Amy went to school. They all had problems in their lives, but see how other people had problems too. They were grateful for what they had. Jo visited Laurie, and soon the two families were good friends. They discovered that Laurie's parents died when he was very young. Beth overcame her shyness to play the wonderful piano in the big house, and at last, Mr. Laurence gave her a small piano that belonged to the granddaughter he lost.

Chapter 3

Amy was selfish at school and got into trouble. Jo did not want Amy to come with them to the theater. Amy was angry and burned Jo's book of stories. Now Jo was angry. The next day they went ice-skating and Jo allowed Amy to skate where the ice was thin. Amy fell in the river when the ice broke and Laurie rescued her. Jo was very sorry and promised to learn how to control her anger. Meg went to stay with a friend and heard people talking about her family. She was upset about being too poor to have good clothes, and borrowed a dress from her friend's sister. She had a good time at the party, but afterwards she was not happy. Marmee told them that she wanted them to be good and happy. This was more important than being rich.

Chapter 4

The girls invited Laurie to join their club, and he made a post box for them to use. Meg and Jo had three months holiday from their job. Marmee allowed them to play and not work for one week. They soon got bored. Then Marmee decided to have a holiday herself, and the girls had to do all the work for one day. Even Hannah was away. They had a very bad day, and nothing worked out well. They learned that they should do some work and some play. That was the best way to use time. Laurie invited the girls and the Gardiners to go on a picnic lunch with the Vaughn family, who were visiting him from England. They had a lovely day, playing games and eating nice food.

Chapter 5

Laurie and the girls told each other their dreams and hopes. Jo's story was printed in the newspaper, and Laurie told her he knew a secret about Meg's missing glove. They received a telegram that told them that their father was very ill, and Marmee went to Washington to be with him. Mr. Brooke went with her. The

girls and Hannah look after each other with help from Mr. Laurence and Laurie. Their father began to get well.

Chapter 6

The girls work hard for one week but then got lazy while Marmee was in Washington. Beth went to visit the Hummels. Their baby died of scarlet fever, and Beth got very sick. She almost died, and Marmee had to rush home to see her. Amy stayed with Aunt March and learned not to be selfish. Jo told Marmee the secret of the lost glove.

Chapter 7

Laurie played a trick on Meg. He pretended to be Mr. Brooke and wrote her love letters. When Marmee found out, she was angry and made Laurie apologize. Laurie also got into trouble with his grandfather, but Jo helped to solve the problem. Beth got better and so did Mr. March. He arrived home on Christmas Day and everyone was very happy. The next day, Mr. Brooke asked Meg if she would marry him when he had enough money. At first she refused because she was afraid. Then Aunt March came and warned her that she should not marry him. She would not get anything from Aunt March's will if she did. This made Meg annoyed, and she agreed to marry John Brooke in two years time if he had enough money.

Chapter 8

It took three years for John to earn enough money to marry Meg. He bought a small house and the wedding took place in the March's garden. Everybody enjoyed it very much. Amy tried different kinds of art and had a party for her friends, but nobody came to it. Jo continued to write and won a competition. Then she wrote a novel and it was published. She was very happy to earn her own money.

Chapter 9

Meg and John were very happy in their new home, but they had some problems. Meg tried to make jam and John brought home a guest for dinner. Later, she was envious of Sallie and decided to buy an expensive dress. John was upset, but Meg solved the problem and everybody was happy again. Amy took Jo out for some visits, but Jo behaved badly. She told Aunt March and Aunt Carrol that she didn't like favors and couldn't speak French. Amy worked at the fair and behaved very well when another girl argued with her. Aunt Carrol decided to go to Europe and invited Amy to go with her. Jo was disappointed.

Chapter 10

Amy went to Europe where she met Fred Vaughn. She decided to marry him if he asked her. Mrs. March was worried about Beth and Jo thought that Beth was in love with Laurie. She was worried because Laurie seemed to love her instead of Beth. She went to New York to live with her mother's friend. She

taught the children and wrote sensation stories. She met a German teacher and liked him, though he was old and poor. She decided that sensation stories were not good and stopped writing them.

Chapter 11

Laurie asked Jo to marry him, but she refused. She said that they would not be good together. Laurie went to Europe with his grandfather. He met Amy there and went to a dance with her. Beth was sick and Jo took her to the beach for a holiday. Beth told her that she was going to die, and they were very sad. Meg spent too much time with the children and not enough with her husband. Her mother gave her some good advice and soon the house was happy again.

Chapter 12

Laurie stayed in Nice with Amy. She thought he was lazy, and told him that he should do something to make Jo love him. He thought about this and agreed. He went to his grandfather in Paris and tried to write music, but couldn't. He wrote to Jo, but she still refused him. She was looking after Beth, who was dying. Beth slowly got worse and died. They wrote to Amy and told her. Laurie came to stay with her again and finally fell in love with her and they agreed to marry. Jo tried to be like Beth but found it difficult. She began to write again and her stories were much better, but she felt very alone.

Chapter 13

Jo was worried about becoming an old maid. Laurie and Amy arrived home. They surprised everybody by telling them that they were already married. Everybody was very happy to see them. They had a big meal together and then Mr. Bhaer arrived as well. Laurie and Amy realized that he would ask Jo to marry him, and decided that they would help with money if they could. Meg and John's children were growing older, and the family loved them very much.

Chapter 14

Mr. Bhaer walked with Jo every day and at last he asked her to marry him. She agreed. Aunt March died and left her house to Jo, who made it a school for boys. Mr. Bhaer taught the boys. Amy had a daughter and called her Beth, and Jo had two sons. The girls realized that their dreams did not come true, but they were happy with their lives.