

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

- 1 Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy March, Mr and Mrs March, Laurie Laurence, Laurie's grandfather.
- 2 *Student's own answer. Student's can use information from these pages to guess what the sisters might say.* It is a cold, winter evening in December. Meg and Amy are the oldest and the youngest of the sisters. It is wartime and their father is away. Their mother is out, visiting a poor sick family.
 - (d) *Doctor Bangs and Beth:* Beth is very ill with scarlet fever. The doctor looks after her.
 - (e) *Aunt March and Amy:* Beth is ill with scarlet fever. Meg and Jo don't want Amy to become ill too. Amy has to stay with Aunt March.
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 - 1 The sisters give their Christmas breakfast to the Hummels.
 - 2 Mr Laurence sends a special Christmas supper to the sisters.
 - 3 Jo visits Laurie and his grandfather.
 - 4 Beth plays the piano at the Laurence House.
 - 5 Beth knits some slippers for Mr Laurence.
 - 6 Mr Laurence gives a piano to Beth.
 - 7 Jo and Meg go the theatre with Laurie.
 - 8 Amy throws Jo's book of stories on the fire.
 - 9 Jo and Laurie go skating and Amy follows them.
 - 10 Amy falls in the water. Jo and Laurie pull her out of the river.
- 4 *Student's own answer. Sample answers:*
 - (a) *Meg:* This is very hard. I can't understand some of the words.
John Brooke: I'll help you.
 - (b) *Laurie:* John is in love with Meg. Isn't that wonderful?
Jo: No. It isn't wonderful. It's terrible news.
 - (c) *Meg:* Amy hasn't had scarlet fever. She must stay with my father's aunt.
Dr Bangs: Good. Take care of Beth. I'll come again tomorrow.
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 - (a) 'He'll take her away from us.'/*Jo*
 - (b) 'He loves Meg very much.'/*Marmee*
 - (c) 'I'll never marry anybody!'/*Jo*
 - (d) 'I'm very happy to see you, John.'/*Meg*
 - (e) 'He must go away. Please tell him.'/*Jo*
 - (f) 'I'm too young for marriage.'/*Meg*
 - (g) 'Meg must marry a man with money.'/*Aunt March*
 - (h) 'Will you marry me?'/*John Brooke*
 - (i) 'She is your sister. But John loves her too.'/*Laurie*
 - (j) 'Welcome to our family.'/*Jo*
- 6 *Student's own answer. Possible details:*
 - (a) *Beth and Mr Laurence:* Beth is allowed to play Mr Laurence's piano after he invites her to do so. She makes (knits) him some slippers as a present to thank him. He gives her a piano of her own.
 - (b) *Laurie and Jo* are the same age and become friends after Laurie invites her to visit him. Jo realizes that though Laurie is rich he is lonely.
 - (c) *John Brooke and Meg:* John is Laurie's tutor and Laurie is a friend of the March sisters. John falls in love with Meg. He helps her family when her father is ill. He finds and keeps a glove of hers because he has fallen in love with her. He asks her to marry him.

