

Anna and the Fighter by Elizabeth Laird

- 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.
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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:*
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| (a) <i>Meg:</i> This is very hard. I can't understand some of the | words. |
| <i>John Brooke:</i> I'll help you. | |
| (b) <i>Laurie:</i> John is in love with Meg. Isn't that wonderful? | |
| <i>Jo:</i> No. It isn't wonderful. It's terrible news. | |
| (c) <i>Meg:</i> Amy hasn't had scarlet fever. She must stay with | my father's aunt. |
| <i>Dr Bangs:</i> 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:*
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| (a) <i>Beth and Mr Laurence:</i> 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) <i>Laurie and Jo</i> 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) <i>John Brooke and Meg</i> meet because John is Laurie's tutor. He falls in love with her. 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. |
| (d) <i>Doctor Bangs and Beth:</i> The doctor looks after Beth when she is very ill with scarlet fever. |
| (e) <i>Aunt March and Amy:</i> Amy has to stay with Aunt March when Beth is ill so that Amy does not catch scarlet fever too. |
- 7 *Student's own answer.* Students should use their knowledge of the different characters to justify their choice of present for each of them.