



Roaring Rapids School

Student Writing Workbook

Chapter 48 - A Letter to Answer

Name: _____ Date: _____

Vocabulary

Learn these words or phrases and add two of your choice from the story. Use a dictionary or Google Search. Write short definitions in your own words.

1. crumpled _____
2. scratched out _____
3. weary _____
4. drought _____
5. providence _____
6. new beginning _____
7. _____

Ranch Talk - “deserved to stay trees”

Western Humor

Jake jokes that most of his discarded writing “deserved to stay trees.” He means the paper was wasted because the words were not good enough to keep.

In Chapter 48: Jake says, “Most of it deserved to stay trees.”

Comprehension Questions

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1. What wakes Mary at the beginning of Chapter 48, and where does she find Jake?

2. Why is Jake unable to finish his letter to Jim at first?

3. What hardships caused Jim and his family to lose their farm?

4. Why does Mary believe the Circle J may have been meant for Jim?

5. What does Mary mean when she tells Jake, “Tell him Christ hasn’t forgotten him. Then prove it”?

Writing Task

Writing Task (5-10 Sentences)

Choose ONE from the self-study handout, write your answer, and read aloud. Organize your ideas before writing.

Option A: Summarize what happens in Chapter 48.

Option B: Explain why Jake could not answer Jim’s letter at first.

Option C: Explain Mary’s advice: “Tell him Christ hasn’t forgotten him. Then prove it.”

Option D: Write a short supportive letter to someone who needs a new beginning. Include one honest sentence, one hopeful sentence, and one practical offer of help.

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Extra Reflection Activity

Chapter 48 shows family love, discouragement, honest words, practical Christian help, and hope for a new beginning. Write three ways Jake and Mary turn concern for Jim into action.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Think About It

Jake cannot explain every hardship Jim has suffered. Instead of pretending to have all the answers, Jake and Mary offer truthful encouragement and a real opportunity at the Circle J.

Question: Why can practical help make words of hope more powerful?

Final Sentence Practice

Complete this sentence:

Hope becomes stronger when we
