

Before-reading questions

1 *Reader's own answer.*

Model answer: They could write books, but they could not go to war.

2 *Reader's own answer.*

3 *Reader's own answer.*

4 *Reader's own answer.*

5 *Reader's own answer.*

Model answer: Marmee is the Little Women's mother. She looks happy. I think she is about forty years old.

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Their father helped a friend and lost his money.
- 2 No, she does not. She likes boys' games and boys' work. She cannot go to war with her father, but she wants to.
- 3 Father wrote the letter. He is at war.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 Books
- 2 They take it to a poor family because that family has no food.
- 3 She burns it.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 They meet Laurie. He is rich.
- 2 He is Laurie's tutor.
- 3 Laurie told Jo, "It's dangerous [to skate] there," but Jo did not tell Amy. Then Amy fell into the water.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Writing stories.
- 2 She sold her hair.
- 3 Beth is very ill.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 The wedding is too small, and Mr. Brooke is poor.
- 2 She wanted a party for her school friends, but only one friend came. They are poor, and the food was a lot of money.
- 3 Sallie buys Meg's dress. With that money, Meg buys Mr. Brooke a coat.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 Amy goes to Europe.
- 2 Because Laurie loves her, and she wants him to forget her.
- 3 To Europe

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 Beth
- 2 Amy is Laurie's wife.
- 3 They are poor, and they have no money for a wedding. They must work.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 Aunt March died and gave Jo her house.
- 2 He is not lazy now. He works hard and helps poor people with his money. He is a good person.
- 3 Jo and Mr. Bhaer have a school for little boys with no mothers. Jo is their "mother." Mr. Bhaer is their teacher.

After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 *Reader's own answer.*
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*
- 4 *Reader's own answer.*
- 5 *Reader's own answer.*
- 6 *Reader's own answer.*
- 7 *Reader's own answer.*
- 8 *Reader's own answer.*

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

1 1 c 2 d 3 a 4 e 5 b

- 2 1 **Amy** is selfish.
 2 **Jo** is often angry.
 3 **Meg** is vain.
 4 **Beth** is shy.
 5 **Jo** hates being a girl.

- 3 1 Amy **does not like being poor**.
 2 Jo **does not like working for Aunt March**.
 3 Amy **does not like going to school**.
 4 Beth **likes playing the piano**.
 5 Jo **does not like being a girl**.

CHAPTER THREE

- 4 1 "I have a **tutor**. His name is Mr. Brooke."
 2 My foot is **hurt**. I can't walk home."
 3 "I can take you home in my grandfather's **carriage**."
 4 "I was angry, and I **burned** your story."
 5 "I'm going **skating** with Laurie."
 6 "I must say sorry to Jo. Maybe she can **forgive** me."

CHAPTER FOUR

- 5 1 Jo wrote a short story for a newspaper.
 2 Mrs. March gets a letter. "Your husband is very ill," it says.
 3 Mr. Brooke goes with Mrs. March to see Mr. March.
 4 Jo sells her hair and gives the money to Mrs. March.
 5 Beth is ill, but she gets better.
 6 Mr. March comes home with Mr. Brooke.
 7 Mr. Brooke says to Meg, "Please be my wife."
 8 Jo does not like weddings, because women go to live with their husbands, and their sisters miss them.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 6 1 Meg's wedding is **too** small.
 2 We have **some** fruit, coffee, and bread for your friends.
 3 **Only** one of my friends came to my party.

CHAPTER SIX

- 7 1 Meg has **two babies**.
 2 Beth **is ill**.
 3 Jo is **teaching** in New York.
 4 Jo **does not want** a husband.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 8 1 true 2 true
 3 false 4 true
 5 false

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 9 1 **In** spring 1872, Aunt March dies.
 2 Jo opens a school **for** boys **with** no mothers.
 3 Jo is proud **of** Laurie.
 4 **At** the end **of** the book, the family is **at** Jo's house.
 5 Jo says thank you **to** her mother.

ALL CHAPTERS

- 10 1 In **winter**, you can go skating.
 2 In **fall**, apples are ready to eat.
 3 In **summer**, it is hot.
 4 In **spring**, it is warm, and you can see lots of flowers again.

ALL CHAPTERS

- 11 **Note:** Now, people often use Ms. for a woman (with or without a husband). We also use Mrs. for a widow (= her husband is dead).
 1 You use **Miss** for a woman with no husband.
 2 You use **Mrs.** for a woman with a husband.
 3 You use **Mr.** for a man.
 4 c 5 a 6 b

Project work

Reader's own answers.