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More Stories from Grandma's Attic				
"When Grandma Was Young" and chap. 1	chaps. 2–3	chap. 4	chaps. 5–6	chaps. 7–8

Day 1

More Stories from Grandma's Attic | "When Grandma Was Young" and Chapter 1

Setting

Michigan; 1880.

Overview

Set on a farm in Michigan more than one hundred years ago (1880), the stories are remembrances of the author's grandmother.

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: Why did Pa bring the goat into the house?
 A: *its mom had twins and refused to care for the little goat; Pa hoped Ma could nurse the baby goat to health*
- Q: How did Mabel survive her night in the barn?
 A: *her big brother came and kept her company*

Timeline and Map Activities

- Michigan (C9) (map 1)

Day 2

More Stories from Grandma's Attic | Chapters 2–3

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: Why didn't Mabel win the contest? [chap. 2]
 A: *she was careless and misspelled a word on her sampler*
- Q: Why do the girls decide to dress a pig? [chap. 3]
 A: *the size of the animal was right and it was a living creature—more fun than a doll*

Day 3

More Stories from Grandma's Attic | Chapter 4

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: What does the author learn about prayer?
 A: *God is concerned about the big and small things*

Day 4

More Stories from Grandma's Attic | Chapters 5–6

Vocabulary

The Village Blacksmith: a classic poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow that is a tribute to American blacksmiths; based upon an actual blacksmith shop on Brattle Street in Cambridge, Massachusetts. [chap. 5]

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: Was the family sorry they took in a stranger? [chap. 5]
 A: *no*
- Q: How did the family prepare for a snowstorm? [chap. 6]
 A: *they brought in extra food for the animals, extra wood for the stove, extra food from the cellar, and tied a rope from the house to the barn*
- Q: How did the Lord answer their prayers? [chap. 6]
 A: *the doctor was lost and saw their light, he came and cared for Ma*

Day 5

More Stories from Grandma's Attic | Chapters 7–8

Vocabulary

truant officer: an employee of a school system who investigates the absences of students.

"A pig in a poke": to buy "a pig in a poke" means to make a blind bargain or to make a deal without sufficient scrutiny or knowledge. This phrase came from a formerly common trick of trying to pass off a cat as a suckling pig on an unsuspecting buyer by concealing it in a bag or "poke." The companion phrase "to let the cat out of the bag" refers to the point at which the trick was revealed. [chap. 8]

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: Why did Roy's parents make him give Mabel the slate? [chap. 7]
 A: *he told her he would and they made him keep his word*
- Q: Did the boy's trunk contain treasure? [chap. 8]
 A: *no, only rusty nails*
- Q: Have you ever bought "a pig in a poke"? Did you learn your lesson as well as Reuben & Roy? [chap. 8] ■



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A Llama in the Family									
chap. 4		chap. 5		chap. 6		chap. 7		chap. 8	

Day 1**A Llama in the Family** | Chapter 4

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: How did Mother get new business as a result of April's party?
- A: *parents of April's friends signed up for walks with out of state visitors after seeing the photo of their child with the llama*

Day 2**A Llama in the Family** | Chapter 5

Vocabulary

Independence Day: celebrated on July 4th in the United States to commemorate the adoption in 1776 of the Declaration of Independence.

New England: a region of the northeast United States comprising the modern-day states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: What trick does Adam teach Ethan Allen and how is useful?
- A: *Ethan Allen comes when Adam blows his whistle; when April and Ethan Allen wander off, Ethan Allen comes to Adam with April when he hears the whistle*

Timeline and Map Activities

- Brattleboro, Vermont (C11) (map 1)

Day 3**A Llama in the Family** | Chapter 6

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: What does Dad propose the family spend Mother's money on and why?
- A: *a new refrigerator; the old one is thirty years old and is a pain to defrost*
- Q: How does Adam plan to get a bike?
- A: *he plans to trade a braided rug for one*

Day 4**A Llama in the Family** | Chapter 7

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: What does Adam decide to do with the rug and why?
- A: *trade it for a crazy quilt to trade for a llama; so Ethan Allen won't be lonely*

Timeline and Map Activities

- Wilmington, Vermont (C11); Florida (G8) (map 1)

Day 5**A Llama in the Family** | Chapter 8

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: Does Adam's plan work?
- A: *yes ■*



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The Toothpaste Millionaire									
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Day 1

The Toothpaste Millionaire | Chapters 10–12

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: How does Kate find the toothpaste-filling machine? [chap. 12]
 A: *she checks the address on the tube boxes and does some sleuthing*
- Q: How many is a gross? [chap. 11]
 A: *144; a dozen dozen*
- Q: How is a tube filled? [chap. 12]
 A: *through the bottom and then the bottom is crimped up*

Day 2

The Toothpaste Millionaire | Chapters 13–14

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: Why wouldn't Rufus discriminate against Hector because of his color? [chap. 13]
 A: *Hector is the same race as Rufus*

Day 3

The Toothpaste Millionaire | Chapters 15–16

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: How do the kids get the loan they need? [chap. 15]
 A: *they have Hector apply as the adult*

Day 4

The Toothpaste Millionaire | Chapters 17–18

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: Why were the kids' commercials popular? [chap. 17]
 A: *they were honest and low glitz*

Day 5

The Toothpaste Millionaire | Chapters 19–22

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: How do other toothpaste businesses try to put Rufus out of business? [chaps. 19–20]
 A: *they try to get him to join them in price fixing; they try to buy him out; they hire someone to bomb his factory; and competitors try to buy Rufus' company's stock*
- Q: Why did the FBI pursue Rufus? [chap. 20]
 A: *his stock didn't look authentic and his books were informal*
- Q: Do you think Rufus made the right choice retiring when he did? Explain why. ■