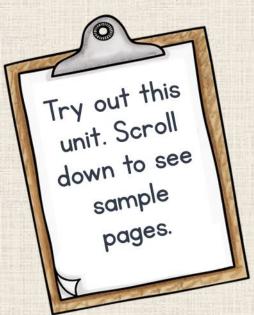
Sarah, Plain and Tall Preview





Which version of this unit do I need?

Version	Links to Digital Resources	Vocabulary Practice	Comprehension Questions	Constructed Writing Prompts	Activities	Skill Practice
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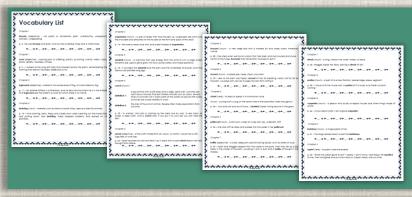


On the following pages, you will see snapshot examples for Sarah, Plain and Tall Digital + Printable Novel Study.



Be sure to look closely to see which version works best for your needs.

VOCABULARY RESOURCES



WORD LIST
Students practice with two
focus words for each reading
selection. A wordlist with
definitions, synonyms, and
sample sentences from the
story is included.

VOCABULARY BOOKMARKS





homely

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cruel

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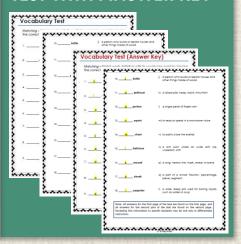


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TEST WITH ANSWER KEY



DIGITAL VOCABULARY

Digital vocabulary practice is provided though Boom Learning Decks.



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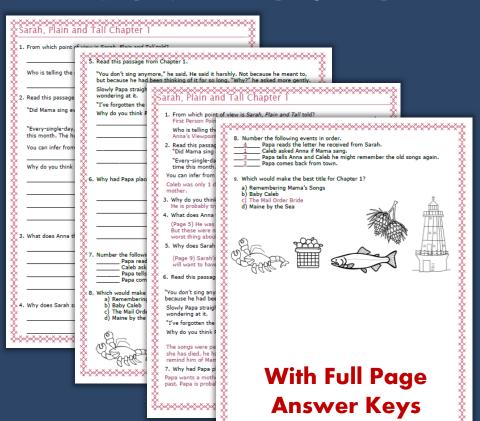
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9 COMPREHENSION CHECKS

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Which would make the best title for Chapter 1?

The Mall Order Bride

Remembering Mama's Songs

Maine by the Sea

Baby Caleb



My students loved using this resource to guide them through the book. I loved the writing portions, really got them thinking. We are testing on the book today and I can't wait to see how they do. They really enjoyed the book.

-Lisa S.

Love this resource!!! So many great activities to gauge student understanding and keeps them engaged.

- Georgette V

I am a huge fan of your work - very rigorous comprehension questions, and extremely thorough packet. I'll keep purchasing your products!

— Beth D.

I have loved using this resource. It is great practice for the kids and it has made the book more enjoyable for them. I love her stuff and use it a lot! Thank you!

-Jacque H.

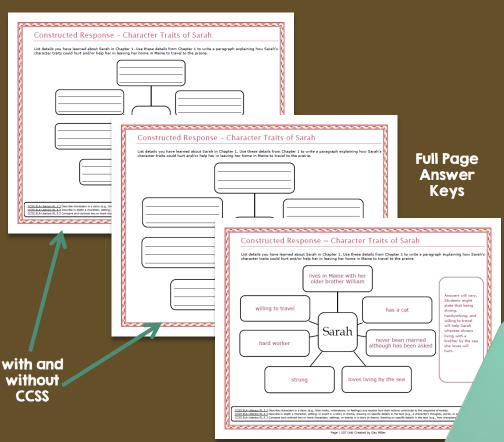
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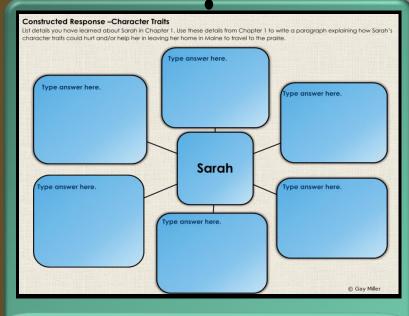
highly recommend this resource! This resource has been particularly helpful to me in home schooling my daughter! She has some learning deficits and anxiety surrounding school and I have found these resources to be the very BEST out there to teach kiddos who have deficits and anxiety EXACTLY what they need to know regarding the Virginia ELA SOL tests. Thank you for a **WONDERFUL** resource!

-Reading in Rm 212

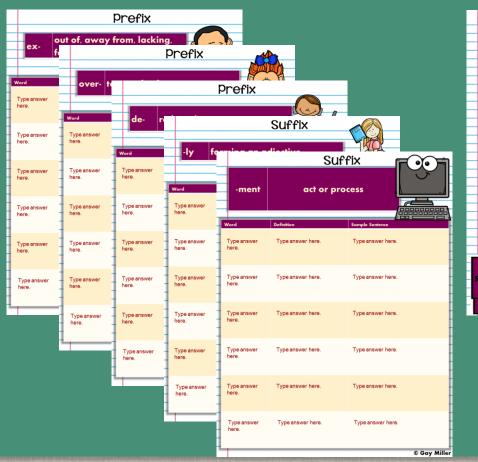


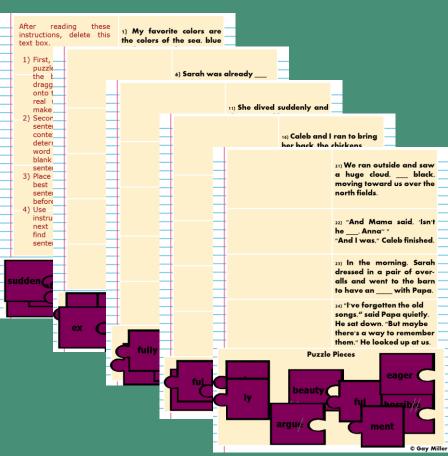
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SAMPLE SKILL LESSON





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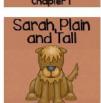
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- √ can be used for student practice at no cost to you

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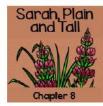






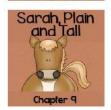






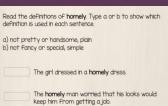




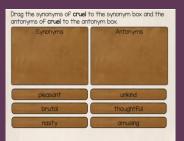


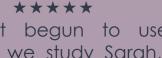
Boom Learning Card Examples





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-Brenda C





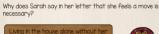






We are using this resource to increase reading comprehension and other reading or lang, arts skills. The student loves to complete the activities that are not just answering questions about the story. They struggle to sometimes think outside the box and this makes them use inferences and be creative.

- Tammy M.

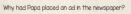


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Sarah, Plain and Tall

Novel Study Samples



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Thank you for downloading this novel study sample.

On the next pages, you will find the following pages from the unit including:

- Table of Contents for the Digital + Printable Version
- Lesson Plans at a Glance for the Full Unit

FREE SAMPLE PAGES

The First Reading Selection plus Answer Keys (These pages are found in all versions of this unit.)

- Vocabulary Practice
- Comprehension Questions
- Constructed Response Writing Prompt (with and without the Common Core Standards)

Are you wondering what other novel studies I have available? You can see the complete list <u>here</u>.

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Lesson Plans at a Glance

Read	Word of the Day Vocabulary	Vocabulary Practice Book	Comprehension & Constructed Response Question	Activities	Language Arts Skill Practice	
Chapter 1	homely cruel	Page 1	Chapter 1 ~ Characters ~ Sarah	Wanted Ad for Newspaper	Prefix and Suffix Cards	
Chapter 2	fogbound bedding	Page 2	Chapter 2 ~ Letter		Prefix and Suffix Puzzles	
Chapter 3	suspenders windmill	Page 3	Chapter 3 ~ Comparing Characters Chapter 3 ~ Comparing Settings		Root Word Organizer Root Word Spoons Game	
Chapter 4	conch velvet	Page 4	Chapter 4 ~ Inference	Sarah's Wildflowers	Figurative Language Response Cards with Lines from the Text	
Chapter 5	buzzard mound	Page 5	Chapter 5 ~ Maine Then and Now	Bird Craft	Figurative Language Organizer	
Chapter 6	chant petticoat	Page 6	Chapter 6 ~ Descriptive Writing	Flower Crafitivi Language	itivity with Figurative	
Chapter 7	kettle streak	Page 7	Chapter 7 ~ Figurative Language	Sarah's Garden Flowers	Homonym/ Homograph Organizer	
Chapter 8	portion carpenter	Page 8	Chapter 8 ~ Summarizing	Seashells	Homograph Spoons Game	
Chapter 9	hailstone squint	Page 9	Chapter 9 ~ Setting	Drawing the Sea	Homophone Printable Homophone Board Game	
		Vocabulary Test	Favorite Things Point of View Comparing the Book to the Movie	Seashell Puzzle	Printable Practice	

Review

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1.	bedding	
2.	streak	
3.	cruel	
4.	squint	
5.	chant	
6.	kettle	
7.	portion	
8.	mound	
9.	petticoat	
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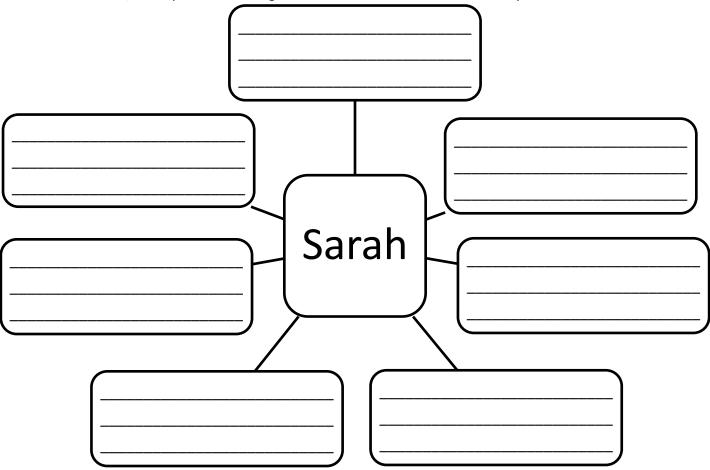
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	You can infer from this passage that Caleb
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3.	What does Anna think is the worst thing about Caleb?
4.	Why does Sarah say in her letter that she feels a move is necessary?

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Answer Keys for Comprehension and Writing



Sarah, Plain and Tall Chapter I

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Who is telling the story? Anna's Viewpoint

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You can infer from this passage that Caleb....

Caleb was only 1 day old when Mama died, so he has never experienced having a mother.

- 3. Why do you think he does this?
 He is probably trying to imagine what having a mother would feel like.
- 4. What does Anna think is the worst thing about Caleb?

(Page 5) He was homely and plain, and he had a terrible holler and a horrid smell. But these were not the worst of him. Mama died the next morning. That was the worst thing about Caleb.

5. Why does Sarah say in her letter that she feels a move is necessary?

(Page 9) Sarah's brother William is about to get married. Sarah feels his new wife will want to have a home to run on her own.

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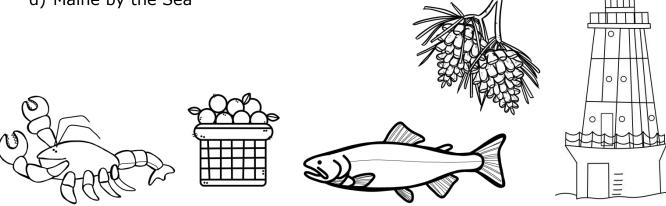
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The songs were part of Papa's life when he was happily married to Mama. Now that she has died, he has no reason to sing. Singing makes Papa sad because the songs remind him of Mama.

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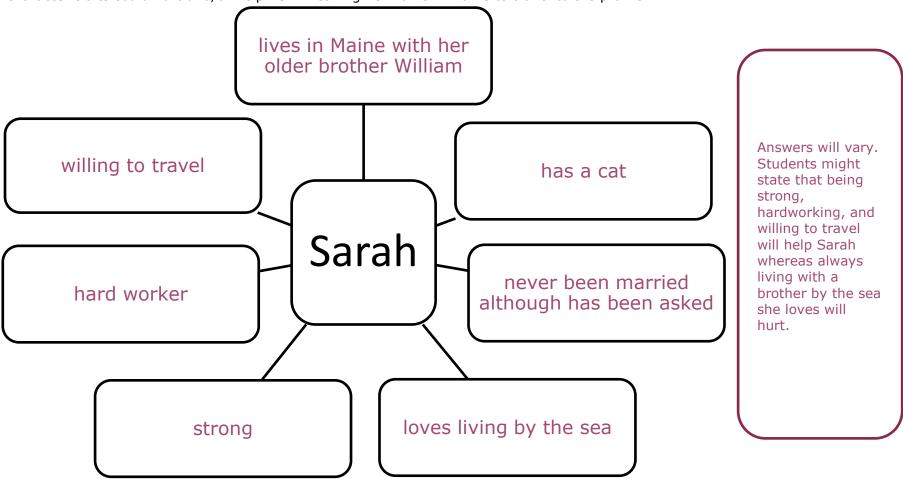
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Student Packet without Common Core State Standards Important Update

Originally 46 states adopted the Common Core State Standards. Many teachers have commented that they love having the standards on pages with constructed response writing prompts for accountability reasons. Now educational trends are changing. Many states have repealed Common Core and adopted their own state standards. To meet the needs of teachers both using and not using Common Core Standards, I have opted to provide the writing questions both with and without standards. Look at the addendum at the end of this unit for more details and the printable student packet without teaching standards.



Jo make creating a printable student packet easier, the comprehension and constructed response questions are both included in this section.

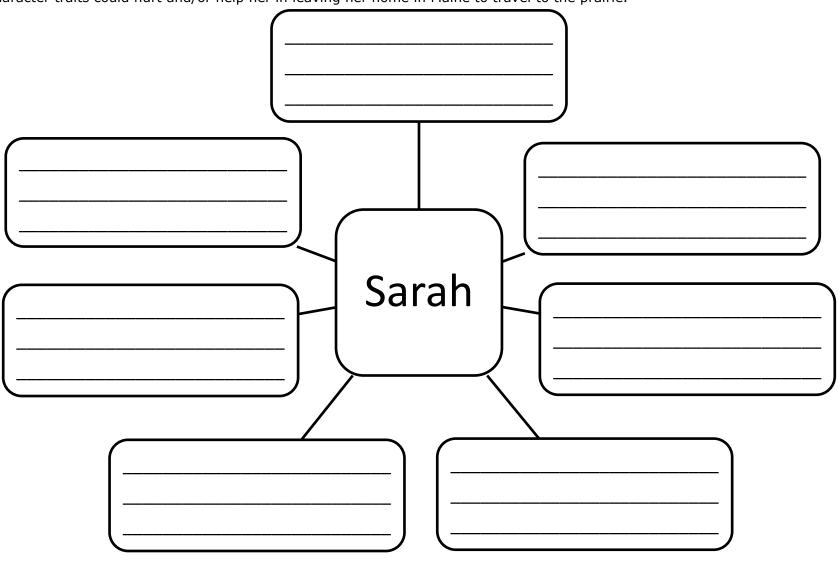
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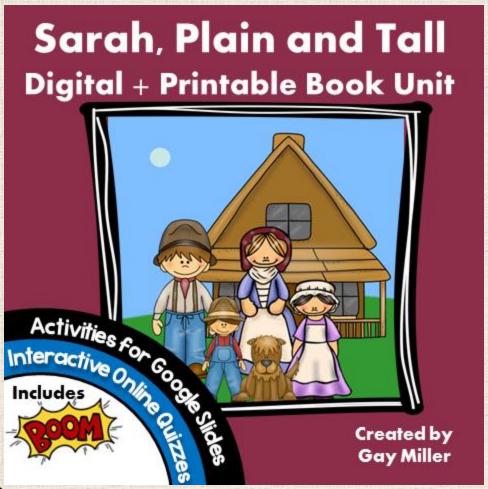
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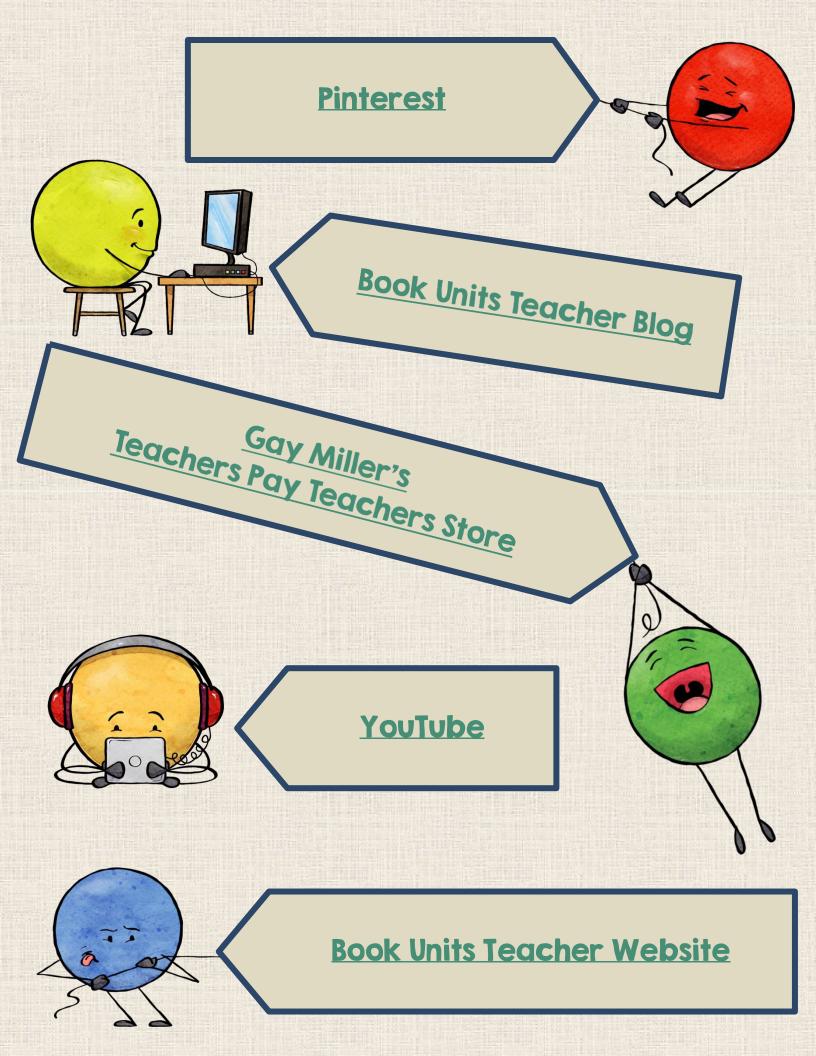


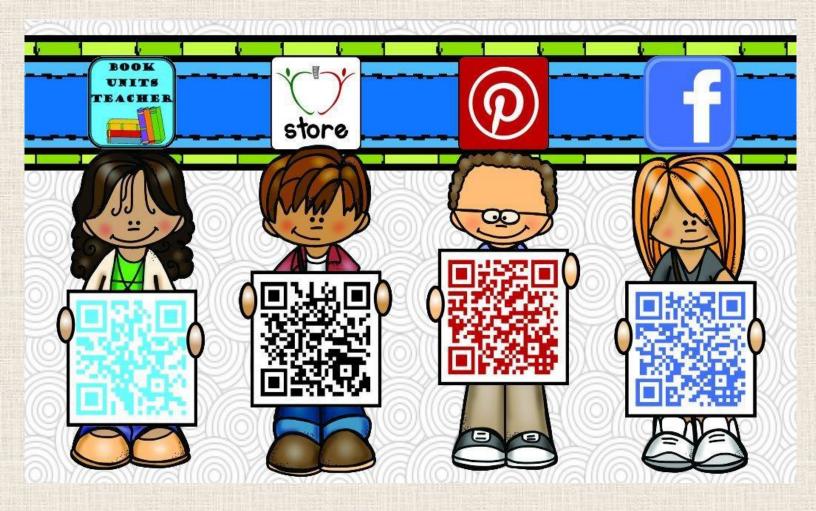














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