

Packet #2

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This packet is meant to be done for one week. It is very similar to what we already do in class.

YOU SHOULD BE READING EVERYDAY!

Read

From Chapter 1: "Playing Pilgrims"

- 1 The clock struck six and, having swept up the **hearth**, Beth put a pair of slippers down to warm. Somehow the sight of the old shoes had a good effect upon the girls, for Mother was coming, and everyone brightened to welcome her. Meg stopped lecturing, and lighted the lamp, Amy got out of the easy chair without being asked, and Jo forgot how tired she was as she sat up to hold the slippers nearer to the blaze.
- 2 "They are quite worn out. Marmee must have a new pair."
- 3 "I thought I'd get her some with my dollar," said Beth.
- 4 "No, I shall!" cried Amy.
- 5 "I'm the oldest," began Meg, but Jo cut in with a decided, "I'm the man of the family now Papa is away, and I shall provide the slippers, for he told me to take special care of Mother while he was gone."
- 6 "I'll tell you what we'll do," said Beth, "let's each get her something for Christmas, and not get anything for ourselves."
- 7 "That's like you, dear! What will we get?" exclaimed Jo.
- 8 Everyone thought soberly for a minute, then Meg announced, as if the idea was suggested by the sight of her own pretty hands, "I shall give her a nice pair of gloves."
- 9 "Army shoes, best to be had," cried Jo.
- 10 "Some handkerchiefs, all hemmed," said Beth.
- 11 "I'll get a little bottle of cologne. She likes it, and it won't cost much, so I'll have some left to buy my pencils," added Amy.
- 12 "How will we give the things?" asked Meg.
- 13 "Put them on the table, and bring her in and see her open the bundles. Don't you remember how we used to do on our birthdays?" answered Jo.

14 "I used to be so frightened when it was my turn to sit in the chair with the crown on, and see you all come marching round to give the presents, with a kiss. I liked the things and the kisses, but it was dreadful to have you sit looking at me while I opened the bundles," said Beth, who was toasting her face and the bread for tea at the same time.

15 "Let Marmee think we are getting things for ourselves, and then surprise her. We must go shopping tomorrow afternoon, Meg. There is so much to do about the play for Christmas night," said Jo, marching up and down, with her hands behind her back, and her nose in the air.

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From Chapter 2: "A Merry Christmas"

16 "Where is Mother?" asked Meg, as she and Jo ran down to thank her for their gifts, half an hour later.

17 "Goodness only knows. Some poor creeter came a-beggin', and your ma went straight off to see what was needed. There never was such a woman for givin' away **vittles** and drink, clothes and firin'," replied Hannah, who had lived with the family since Meg was born, and was considered by them all more as a friend than a servant.

18 "She will be back soon, I think, so fry your cakes, and have everything ready," said Meg, looking over the presents which were collected in a basket and kept under the sofa, ready to be produced at the proper time. "Why, where is Amy's bottle of cologne?" she added, as the little flask did not appear.

19 "She took it out a minute ago, and went off with it to put a ribbon on it, or some such notion," replied Jo, dancing about the room to take the first stiffness off the new army slippers.

20 "How nice my handkerchiefs look, don't they? Hannah washed and ironed them for me, and I marked them all myself," said Beth, looking proudly at the somewhat uneven letters which had cost her such labor.

21 "Bless the child! She's gone and put 'Mother' on them instead of 'M. March'. How funny!" cried Jo, taking one up.

22 "Isn't that right? I thought it was better to do it so, because Meg's initials are M.M., and I don't want anyone to use these but Marmee," said Beth, looking troubled.

23 "It's all right, dear, and a very pretty idea, quite sensible too, for no one can ever mistake now. It will please her very much, I know," said Meg, with a frown for Jo and a smile for Beth.

- 24 "There's Mother. Hide the basket, quick!" cried Jo, as a door slammed and steps sounded in the hall.
- 25 Amy came in hastily, and looked rather **abashed** when she saw her sisters all waiting for her.
- 26 "Where have you been, and what are you hiding behind you?" asked Meg, surprised to see, by her hood and cloak, that lazy Amy had been out so early.
- 27 "Don't laugh at me, Jo! I didn't mean anyone should know till the time came. I only meant to change the little bottle for a big one, and I gave all my money to get it, and I'm truly trying not to be selfish any more."
- 28 As she spoke, Amy showed the handsome flask which replaced the cheap one, and looked so earnest and humble in her little effort to forget herself that Meg hugged her on the spot, and Jo pronounced her 'a trump', while Beth ran to the window, and picked her finest rose to ornament the **stately** bottle.
- 29 "You see I felt ashamed of my present, after reading and talking about being good this morning, so I ran round the corner and changed it the minute I was up, and I'm so glad, for mine is the handsomest now."
- 30 Another bang of the street door sent the basket under the sofa, and the girls to the table, eager for breakfast.
- 31 "Merry Christmas, Marmee! Many of them! Thank you for our books. We read some, and mean to every day," they all cried in chorus.
- 32 "Merry Christmas, little daughters! I'm glad you began at once, and hope you will keep on. But I want to say one word before we sit down. Not far away from here lies a poor woman with a little newborn baby. Six children are huddled into one bed to keep from freezing, for they have no fire. There is nothing to eat over there, and the oldest boy came to tell me they were suffering hunger and cold. My girls, will you give them your breakfast as a Christmas present?"
- 33 They were all unusually hungry, having waited nearly an hour, and for a minute no one spoke, only a minute, for Jo exclaimed impetuously, "I'm so glad you came before we began!"
- 34 "May I go and help carry the things to the poor little children?" asked Beth eagerly.
- 35 "I shall take the cream and the muffins," added Amy, heroically giving up the article she most liked.
- 36 Meg was already covering the buckwheats, and piling the bread into one big plate.
- 37 "I thought you'd do it," said Mrs. March, smiling as if satisfied. "You shall all go and help me, and when we come back we will have bread and milk for breakfast, and make it up at dinnertime."
- 38 They were soon ready, and the procession set out. Fortunately it was early, and they went through back

streets, so few people saw them, and no one laughed at the queer party.

39 A poor, bare, miserable room it was, with broken windows, no fire, ragged bedclothes, a sick mother, wailing baby, and a group of pale, hungry children cuddled under one old quilt, trying to keep warm.

40 How the big eyes stared and the blue lips smiled as the girls went in.

41 "Ach, mein Gott! It is good angels come to us!" said the poor woman, crying for joy.

42 "Funny angels in hoods and mittens," said Jo, and set them to laughing.

43 In a few minutes it really did seem as if kind spirits had been at work there. Hannah, who had carried wood, made a fire, and stopped up the broken panes with old hats and her own cloak. Mrs. March gave the mother tea and **gruel**, and comforted her with promises of help, while she dressed the little baby as tenderly as if it had been her own. The girls meantime spread the table, set the children round the fire, and fed them like so many hungry birds, laughing, talking, and trying to understand the funny broken English.

44 "Das ist gut!" "Die Engel-kinder!" cried the poor things as they ate and warmed their purple hands at the comfortable blaze. The girls had never been called angel children before, and thought it very agreeable, especially Jo, who had been considered a 'Sancho' ever since she was born. That was a very happy breakfast, though they didn't get any of it. And when they went away, leaving comfort behind, I think there were not in all the city four merrier people than the hungry little girls who gave away their breakfasts and contented themselves with bread and milk on Christmas morning.

45 "That's loving our neighbor better than ourselves, and I like it," said Meg, as they set out their presents while their mother was upstairs collecting clothes for the poor Hummels.

Annotations

Name:

Date:

Think Questions: Little Women

Instructions: Remember to use complete sentences and evidence from the text.

1. Which of the four March sisters seems to be the most "in charge," or confident? Which of them seems to be more hesitant, and unsure of herself? Use textual evidence from Chapter 1 to support your answer.

2. What kind of relationship do the four March daughters seem to have with their mother? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

3. What textual clues does the author provide to indicate that the people in need on Christmas morning are an immigrant family?

4. What is the meaning of **abashed**? Write your best definition of the word here.

5. What does **vittles** mean? What are synonyms of this word? Write as many as you can think of, then consult a thesaurus to verify.



Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl



Read

*Feb. 14-Mar. 28, 1944

Pages: 137-172

*Page numbers might be wrong, pay attention
to the dates.

Chapter Questions

Name: _____ Date: _____

Book: Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl

Reading Assignment: Feb. 14-Mar. 28, 1944 Pages: 137-172

Chapter Questions: You are in charge of answering the questions from the chapters read. Use complete sentences when answering the questions.

1. According to Anne, what does her family have in common with Peter's?

2. How has Anne and Peter's relationship changed? Why do you think this has happened?

3. What is Anne's recommendation for countering unhappiness and why is it ironic?

4. How does Margot react to Anne's budding relationship with Peter? Why does Anne worry about her reaction?

