

Sarah, Plain and Tall
by Patricia MacLachlan

Characters

1. Where would you find Caleb, whose mother died the morning after giving birth to him? (Sarah, Plain and Tall)
2. In what book would you find Anna, who was Caleb's older sister? (Sarah, Plain and Tall)
3. Which book has Papa, a widowed father with a son named Caleb and a daughter named Anna? (Sarah, Plain and Tall)
4. What were the dogs' names in Sarah, Plain and Tall? (Lottie and Nick)
5. In what book would you find the feisty horse, Jack and the nice horse, Old Bess? (Sarah, Plain and Tall)
6. What is the name of the neighbor to the south and his wife? (Mathew and Maggie)
- ② 7. What are the names of Matthew and Maggie's children? (Rose and Violet, after the flowers)
8. In what book would you find Hilly the housekeeper? (Sarah, Plain and Tall)
- ② 9. What is Sarah's full name? (Sarah Elisabeth Wheaton)
10. What is Papa's full name? (Jacob Witting)
11. In what book would you find a cat named Seal? (Seal belongs to Sarah in Sarah, Plain and Tall)

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Multiple Choice Questions

1. What did Mama sing about?
 - ② a. *flowers and birds—sometimes about the moon*
 - b. Jesus and God
 - c. Nature
2. How did Hilly the housekeeper snore at night?
 - a. In a high whistle, like a siren
 - ② b. *in a high whistle, like a teakettle*
 - c. she sounded just like someone sawing a house down
3. What did Papa advertise for?
 - ① a. *a wife*
 - b. a housekeeper
 - c. a wagon
4. Why is Sarah leaving her home and considering marrying a stranger?
 - a. Her older brother, William, is kicking her out of the house
 - b. Her parents want her to move out
 - ② c. *Her older brother, William, is marrying*
5. Where does Sarah live before moving?
 - a. New Hampshire, by the sea
 - b. New York, by the sea

- ② **c. Maine, by the sea**
6. What are Sarah's favorite colors?
- ③ **a. blue, gray and green (colors of the sea)**
b. blue, red and yellow
c. blue, gray and red
7. How does Sarah decide to come?
- ② **b. By train, for a one month trial, and wears a yellow bonnet**
a. By wagon train, for a one month trial, wearing a yellow bonnet
c. On horseback, for a one month trial, wearing a yellow bonnet
8. What kind of shell did Sarah give to Caleb?
- ③ **b. a moon snail**
a. A conch shell
c. a razor clam shell
9. What gift did Sarah give to Anna when she arrived?
- ③ **c. a sea stone**
a. A special book
b. A beautiful comb for her hair
10. Where did Sarah put Caleb's and Papa's hair after she clipped it? Why?
- ② **a. On the ground so birds could use it to make nests**
b. On the trees so the squirrels can eat it
c. In the trash, of course
11. What kind of Dune did Papa make for Sarah?
- ③ **c. A hay dune**
a. A sand dune
b. A dirt dune
12. What kind of job does Sarah's brother have?
- ① **a. fisherman**
b. fireman
c. teacher
13. Who first received the answer to their letters to Sarah?
- ③ **b. Anna**
a. Caleb
c. Papa
14. What present did Sarah include with the answer to Anna's letter?
- ③ **c. A book of seabirds**
a. A piece of candy
b. A smooth stone
15. What color are Seals' feet?
- ② **c. White**
a. Grey
b. Black
16. Who loved Sarah first?
- ② **a. The dogs**
b. Caleb
c. Papa
17. What does "ayuh" mean?
- a. Yes

- b. No
- c. Maybe
- 18. What is William's boat named?
 - a. William
 - b. *Kittiwake*
 - c. Kittihawk
- 19. How did Sarah pronounce "summer" when she was singing "Sumer is icumen in, ..."?
 - a. shummer
 - b. slumber
 - c. *soomer*
- 20. What were Sarah's favorite aunts' names?
 - a. Linda, Mattie and Lou
 - b. *Harriet, Mattie and Lou*
 - c. Jessie, Linda and Lou
- 21. What was Anna's first word?
 - a. *Flower*
 - b. Mama
 - c. Goodbye
- 22. What was Sarah's first word?
 - a. Hello
 - b. Grass
 - c. *Dune*
- 23. What is a kittiwake?
 - a. A boat
 - b. *A small gull found way off shore*
 - c. A boat shoe
- 24. How tall was Papa's hay dune?
 - a. 90 feet?
 - b. As tall as the house
 - c. *Half as tall as the barn*
- 25. Where did Anna learn to swim?
 - a. *the cow pond with Sarah*
 - b. the ocean with Sarah
 - c. the cow pond with Papa
- 26. Why did Matthew and Maggie visit?
 - a. To say hello
 - b. *To help Papa plow the fields*
 - c. To meet Sarah
- 27. What gift did Sarah bring home after she drove the wagon to town?
 - a. A special dinner
 - b. *Blue, gray and green colored pencils*
 - c. A new shirt for Papa
- 28. What could Sarah hear in the conch shell?
 - a. The wind
 - b. A song
 - c. *The sea*

29. Why did Sarah hang flowers upside down to dry?
 - a. To eat in the winter
 - b. *To save the color for winter decorations*
 - c. To save the smell for use in winter decorations
30. What color was William's boat, the Kittiwake?
 - a. Blue
 - b. Black and red
 - c. *Gray and white*
31. When Sarah sang, "Summer is icumen in," what sang with her?
 - a. *A meadowlark*
 - b. A seal
 - c. A coyote
32. How do Caleb and Anna get to school?
 - a. Sarah drives them in the wagon
 - b. *Papa drives them in the wagon or they walk the 3 miles*
 - c. Anna drives them in the wagon or they walk the 3 miles
33. What does Papa do when there are bad snow storms so no one will get lost?
 - a. Puts orange fencing from the house to the barn
 - b. Has everyone wears cow bells
 - c. *Ties a rope from the house to the barn*
34. What did Matthew and Maggie bring with them when they came to help plow the fields?
 - a. Two pies and their two children
 - b. *A sackful of chickens and their two children*
 - c. A sackful of chickens and two pies
35. What does Maggie miss?
 - a. The ocean
 - b. Her sister
 - c. *The hills of Tennessee*
36. What plants did Maggie give Sarah for her garden?
 - a. *Zinnias, marigolds and wild feverfew*
 - b. Dahlias and marigolds
 - c. Nasturtiums, marigolds and lilies
37. Where did Sarah plant her garden?
 - a. By the barn
 - b. *By the porch*
 - c. By the road
38. What overalls did Sarah wear the day they fixed the roof?
 - a. Sarah's
 - b. Maggie's
 - c. *Papa's*
39. Where did Papa have everyone go for safety when the squall hit?
 - a. *The barn*
 - b. The house
 - c. The cellar

40. What did Sarah pack in the basket with the food when they were waiting through the squall?
 - a. A book
 - b. Napkins
 - c. *Her shells*
41. Why didn't Caleb and Anna want Sarah to learn how to drive the wagon?
 - a. They wanted to do all the driving themselves
 - b. *They were afraid she would drive away and leave them*
 - c. They were afraid the wagon would break on Sarah
42. How did they first know Sarah was coming back from her first drive into town?
 - a. They heard the wagon
 - b. *Lottie barked and Nick ran down the road*
 - c. Seal ran down the road
43. What does Sarah bring back from town?
 - a. *Colored pencils, nasturtium seeds, candles and a book of songs*
 - b. Colored pencils
 - c. Colored pencils, shells, and wedding rings