

**Sarah,
Plain
and Tall**

BUILD BACKGROUND
Unit 1, Grade 4

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**"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
California Standards**

Reading

- Word Recognition 1.1
 - Read narrative and expository text aloud with grade-appropriate fluency and accuracy and with appropriate pacing, intonation, and expression.
- Vocabulary and Concept Development 1.2
 - Apply knowledge of word origins, derivations, synonyms, antonyms, and idioms to determine the meaning of words and phrases.

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**"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
California Standards**

Reading

- Vocabulary and Concept Development 1.3
 - Use knowledge of root words to determine the meaning of unknown words within a passage.
- Vocabulary and Concept Development 1.4
 - Know common roots and affixes derived from Greek and Latin and use this knowledge to analyze the meaning of complex words (e.g., international).

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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
California Standards

Reading

- Comprehension and Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Text 2.2
- Use appropriate strategies when reading for different purposes (e.g., full comprehension, location of information, personal enjoyment).

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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
California Standards

Reading

- Comprehension and Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Text 2.3
- Make and confirm predictions about text by using prior knowledge and ideas presented in the text itself, including illustrations, titles, topic sentences, important words, and foreshadowing clues.

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Reading

- Structural Features of Literature 3.1
- Describe the structural differences of various imaginative forms of literature, including fantasies, fables, myths, legends, and fairy tales.

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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Word Knowledge

LINE 1: energy energetic sympathy sympathetic

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Word Knowledge

LINE 1: energy energetic sympathy sympathetic

LINE 2: hundredth tenth fourth twentieth

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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Word Knowledge

LINE 1: energy energetic sympathy sympathetic

LINE 2: hundredth tenth fourth twentieth

LINE 3: lately carefully seriously softly

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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Word Knowledge


LINE 1: energy energetic sympathy sympathetic

LINE 2: hundredth tenth fourth twentieth

LINE 3: lately carefully seriously softly

LINE 4: prairie eager seals married sneak

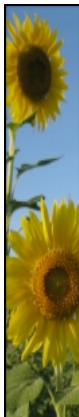
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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Word Knowledge

SENTENCE 1: Sarah is more energetic this morning.

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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Word Knowledge

SENTENCE 1: Sarah is more energetic this morning.

SENTENCE 2: This dog is Caleb's fourth collie.

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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Word Knowledge

SENTENCE 1: Sarah is more energetic this morning.

SENTENCE 2: This dog is Caleb's fourth collie.

SENTENCE 3: "Will she like us?" asked Caleb very softly.

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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Word Knowledge


SENTENCE 1: Sarah is more energetic this morning.

SENTENCE 2: This dog is Caleb's fourth collie.

SENTENCE 3: "Will she like us?" asked Caleb very softly.


SENTENCE 4: Most seals live in water and have flippers for feet.

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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Activate Prior Knowledge


- Are you familiar with the story "Sarah, Plain and Tall"?
- If so, tell us a little about it, but don't give away the ending.



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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Activate Prior Knowledge


What do you know about American pioneer life or life in the 1800s?



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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Activate Prior Knowledge


- Check the Concept/ Question Board to refresh your memory about what you have learned so far in *Risks and Consequences*.
- Are there any questions on the board you can answer?




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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Background Information

- The heroine of "Sarah, Plain and Tall" answers an advertisement for a wife placed by a widower with two children.
- This was not rare in American pioneer days of the 1800s.




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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Background Information

Like Anna and Caleb's mom, many pioneer women died in childbirth because they didn't have medical assistance.




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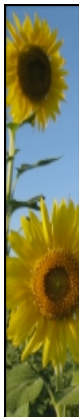


"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Background Information

So, men advertised in newspapers for women willing to travel to the West to become wives and to take care of their children.




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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Browse

- Read aloud the title and the names of the author and illustrator.
- Quickly look over the first page or two of the selection.
- Remember that good readers make predictions as they read.




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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Browse

Look for Clues

- What unfamiliar words or long sentences did you notice while browsing?
- What clues did you find to help you understand the selection?




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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Browse

Focus Questions

- Read the Focus Questions before you read.
- Keep these questions in mind as you read.



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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Set Purposes

As you read, consider these questions:

- Who is Sarah?
- What risks does Sarah take?
- What risks do other characters take, and what are the consequences?




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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Vocabulary

- troublesome
- feisty
- energetic
- mild mannered
- pesky

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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Vocabulary

troublesome

- Sometimes Caleb can be **troublesome**.


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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Vocabulary

troublesome

- Sometimes Caleb can be **troublesome**.
- The students who talked in class were and rude and **troublesome**.



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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Vocabulary

feisty

- Papa was late because his colt was acting **feisty**.

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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Vocabulary

feisty

- Papa was late because his colt was acting **feisty**.
- The **feisty** little dog strained at her leash during the walk.



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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Vocabulary

energetic

- My brother John's wife-to-be is young and **energetic**.

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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Vocabulary

energetic

- My brother John's wife-to-be is young and **energetic**.
- Jenny had a cold and was not very **energetic**.



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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Vocabulary

mild mannered

- I am strong and I work hard, but I am not **mild mannered**.




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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Vocabulary

mild mannered

- I am strong and I work hard, but I am not **mild mannered**.
- Paul remained **mild mannered** even when his plane was late.



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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Vocabulary

pesky

- "What if she thinks we are loud and **pesky**?" asked Caleb.


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"Sarah, Plain and Tall"
Vocabulary

pesky

- "What if she thinks we are loud and **pesky**?" asked Caleb.
- Naomi was angered by the **pesky** rabbit who ate the vegetables in her garden.



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