



REMEMBER to answer the questions in any color except black. ALSO, please don't highlight your answers, it makes it difficult to read your response.

1. What is the genre of this story and what does it mean.

WORD	PAGE NUMBER	MEANING
deed		
gaslights		
homestead		
land claim		
lantern		
livestock		
sorghum		

2. CAUSE AND EFFECT: What are the effects of the huge fire in Chicago that Sarah describes in her November 1 letter. Complete the chart below as you read and discover the answer.

CAUSE:	CAUSE	CAUSE
A huge fire burns in Chicago in early October of 1871.		

EFFECT:
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3. What is the point of view of this story?

**FIRST PERSON POINT OF VIEW:** Uses I, me, my, mine. For example writing letters

**SECOND PERSON POINT OF VIEW:** Author tells story, using words like you, your. Author tries to draw audience into story to be part of the action

**THIRD PERSON POINT OF VIEW:** Uses words like he, she, it.

4. Look at page 4, using context clues, what does the word Newsie mean? “But I miss Chicago. I miss crowds, noise, plumbing, gaslights, trolleys and the shouts of the newsies on the street corner as we walk to school?”

5. Who is telling the story with their letters?

6. How are Anna and Sarah related?

7. Where do the cousins live?

8. What must Anna do when her mother gets sick?

9. What happens after Sarah’s home burns in the fire?

10. How do the cousins’ feelings about living apart change in the story?

11. THINK ABOUT THE TEXT: Why do you think the author chose to tell the story of these cousins through letters?