

The Long Way Westward Study Guide

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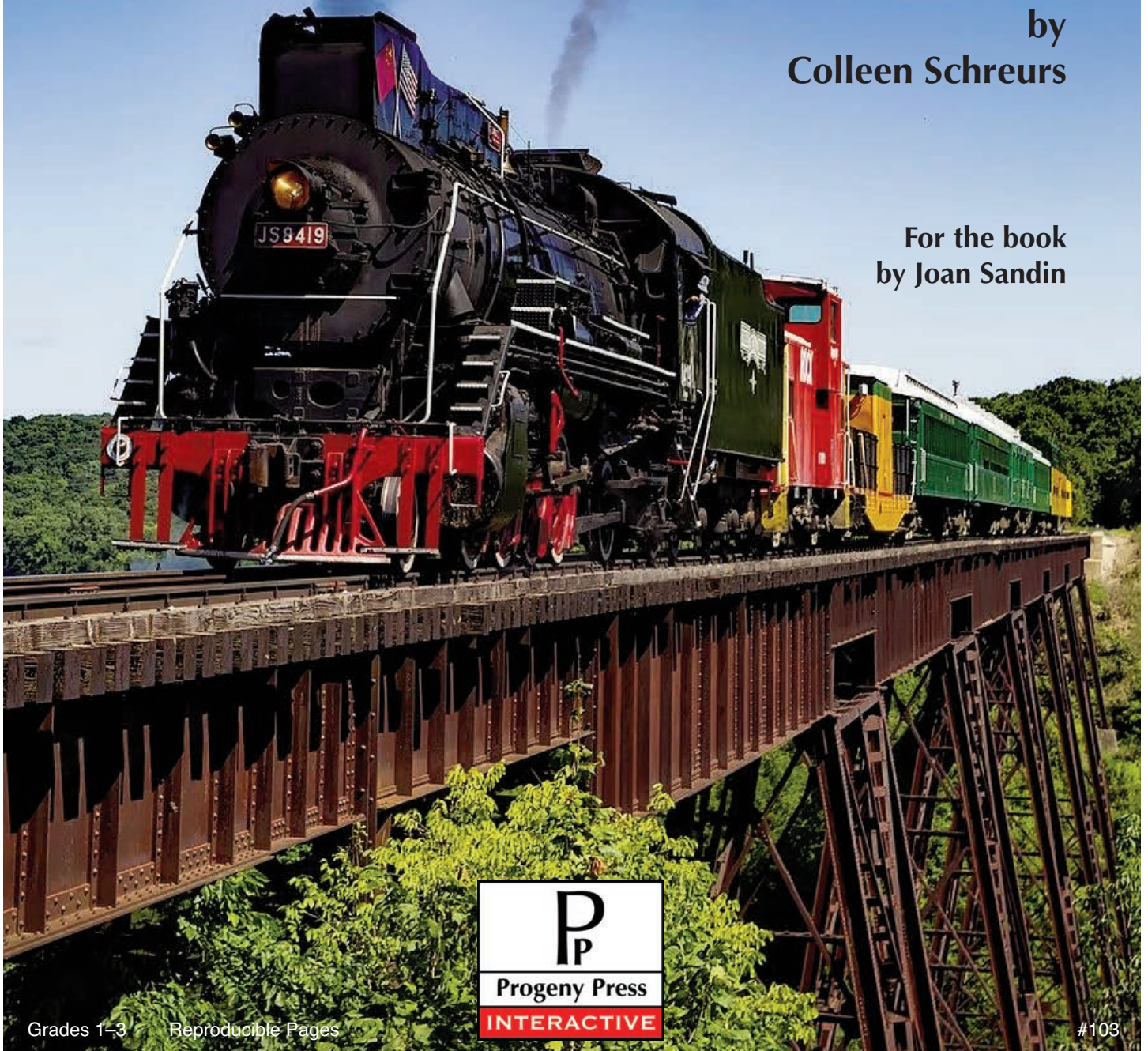


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Synopsis

The Long Way Westward is the story of a Swedish family's arrival in America during the years of famine in Sweden. The story begins in New York and follows the family across America to their final destination in Minnesota, where many Scandinavian families settled during that time. They are helped along their journey by many other Swedish emigrants. They also encounter some difficulties while learning to adjust to living in a new land.

Chapter 2

Vocabulary:

Alphabetical Order:

When a list of words is in *alphabetical order*, the words that begin with the letter ‘a’ come first, the words that begin with ‘b’ come next, and so forth. For example, the word *emigrant* would come before the word *train*, because ‘e’ comes before ‘t’ in the alphabet. If two words have the same first letter, we look at the second letter. For example, the word *railroad* would come before the word *rescue*, because ‘a’ comes before ‘e’ in the alphabet. The words in a dictionary are all listed in alphabetical order.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

On the next page, write the following twelve vocabulary words in alphabetical order. After the words have been put in alphabetical order, look each word up in the dictionary and write down the definition in the space provided. Then write a sentence using the word in the blank labeled “sentence.”

rapped

homestead

swayed

express

brass

expensive

rudely

boarding

local

climate

suits

equal

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Think About It:

Read the following sentences from Chapter 2:

“In America, everyone is equal. There are no lords or kings.”
Carl Erik thought about the train with the red plush seats.

3. What do you think Carl Erik’s thoughts are about everyone being equal in America? _____

4. Do you think everyone is equal in America? Why or why not? _____

Dig Deeper:

5. Read the following Bible verses:

You have heard that it was said, love your neighbor and hate your enemies. But I tell you, love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you. If you do this, then you will be true sons of your Father in heaven. Your Father causes the sun to rise on good people and on bad people. Your Father sends rain to those who do good and to those who do wrong.

Matthew 5:43–45.

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8. local. Nearby. A mode of transportation that makes frequent stops.
9. rapped. Tapped or pounded sharply.
10. rudely. Done in an ill-mannered way.
11. suits. Satisfies, pleases.
12. swayed. Moved with a swinging motion.

America, A Big Country:

1. Answers will vary. Guesses will probably be around 10–15.
2. Answers will vary. Large farms and large herds of cattle were probably uncommon in Sweden.

Compound Words:

1. somewhere; 2. outside; 3. farmland; 4. everything; 5. homestead; 6. woodlands; 7. alongside;
8. sidetrack; 9. westward; 10. everyone.

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T	P	S	G	U	A	M	C	R	Y	A	C	Z	Q	U	R

Questions:

1. Answers will vary. The conductor did not like immigrants. The conductor wanted them off his train.
2. Appropriate climates: cold, sunny, snowy, rainy, seasons. Answers will vary. Sweden's climate is like Minnesota's.
3. Carl Erik wonders why he sees people treated differently if everyone in America is supposed to be equal.
4. Answers will vary.
5. God sees and treats all people with the same love and care. He does not show favoritism.

Chapter 3

Vocabulary:

Definitions: Answers will vary. 1. a person who takes or picks something out of another person's pocket; 2. people who have recently come to a new place; 3. people who are connected by having come from the same country; 4. a boat that is powered by steam.