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INTRODUCTION

This answer key for *Stories of the Pilgrims, Second Edition* (copyright © 2007 by Christian Liberty Press), was developed by the staff of Christian Liberty Press to help the instructor to be as successful and efficient as possible in her teaching. In addition to providing basic suggestions for developing a good overall approach to reading, this answer key provides the instructor with “model” answers to all the questions in the text. In most cases, the answers provide factual information; however, some of the questions that are listed merely ask the student to give his or her opinion regarding a particular story. Nevertheless, we believe that it is helpful to provide the instructor with accurate sample answers to her student’s questions so that she can conveniently gauge how well the student retained the major points of the stories, without having to thoroughly read each story herself.

The student should be asked to explain who the major characters of the story were, the basic plot or theme of the story, as well as the moral of the story. It would also be helpful for the instructor to require her student to write out the correct definitions for any new vocabulary words he may encounter in the stories.

A good teacher will constantly work to improve his or her student’s reading skills. The basic reading skills that a teacher should emphasize on a regular basis are as follows:

1. Reading Comprehension/Retention
2. Vocabulary Recognition
3. Articulation
4. Reading Speed

The best way to improve a student’s reading comprehension is to discuss with the student the major points of his reading lesson until you are sure that he understands the meaning, purpose, and moral implications of the story. The student should be encouraged to read and study his lessons until he fully understands all of the Who, What, When, Where, and Whys of his stories.

Vocabulary recognition must be developed to the fullest extent possible so that the student is equipped to read with speed and accuracy. To aid in the development of proper vocabulary growth, we have listed vocabulary words that should be learned by the student; they are found at the end of several of the stories. The instructor should encourage her student to look up other unfamiliar words in the dictionary (and, if possible, write out their definitions) that he may encounter in his reading lessons.

The ability to properly pronounce vocabulary words involves the process of articulation. The basis for proper articulation is a thorough knowledge of phonics concepts and rules. If a student struggles with articulation, it is up to the instructor to initiate a few review sessions with him covering the fundamental rules of phonics, until he is able to properly articulate his vocabulary words.

A student’s reading speed will improve as his vocabulary recognition and articulation skills increase. Perhaps the best way to develop a student’s ability to read quickly is to encourage him to read frequently. Another means of improving a student’s reading speed is to encourage him to read phrase-by-phrase, as opposed to word-by-word. Start by reading three or four words at a time, and then increase the number to five or six words at a time. The student will then begin to think in complete thoughts instead of just reading words. The old saying “practice makes perfect” certainly applies to the discipline of reading phrase-by-phrase. The more your student reads (providing he understands the proper phonics concepts and rules), the better he will read.
To help a student excel in his reading development, we suggest that a parent-teacher establish a rule in the home requiring her student to read a good book at least thirty minutes every night prior to going to bed. In addition, during the summer break or vacation periods, she is also encouraged to establish a daily “quiet time” when the student brings reading material to his room and reads alone for one hour. A young person who grows up in a home where a high priority is placed on reading seldom develops into a poor reader. If the parent-teacher will initiate and strictly enforce the two previous rules, as well as limit the student’s time spent watching television or playing computer games, she will have the joy of seeing her student excel in the reading process.

May God grant you grace and wisdom in fostering your student’s knowledge and spiritual discernment in his reading.
Text Key

PART I: FROM OLD HOMES TO NEW

“At Scrooby Inn” – Page 5

1. What had this beautiful old house been before it was used as an inn for travelers?
   The old house had once been a fine palace.

2. Why were some of the king’s horses kept in the stables?
   Some of the king’s horses were kept in the stables for his messengers to change horses and rest for
   one hour. The messengers carried letters to the North Country.

3. What did the children enjoy most of all about the hunting party that stayed at the inn?
   Most of all, the children enjoyed the long evening when they all sat around the fireplace and listened
   to the stories that the hunters told.

4. What news did the messenger bring at the end of the story?
   The messenger reported that Queen Anne would be coming to stay a night at the inn.

5. How does Patience respond to this news?
   Patience is very excited by the news. She wants to help prepare the inn for the queen.

“A Royal Guest” – Page 12

1. When the queen first arrived, why didn’t Patience recognize her?
   Patience did not recognize the queen because she was not wearing her crown and jewels.

2. What secret did Patience tell the queen by mistake?
   Patience told the queen that her family and other families did not attend the church of King James.

3. What do you think could happen if King James finds out Patience’s secret?
   Answers may vary. One possible response follows.
   King James might try to force people to attend his church or punish those who do not attend his
   church.

“Meeting in Secret” – Page 17

1. What did two strangers notice about the Brewsters’ house?
   The two strangers noticed a number of people going into William Brewster’s house on the morning
   of the Sabbath.

2. What did the message from the king say?
   The king’s message said that the people had to go to his church and worship according to the laws of
   England, or not worship at all.

3. How did the people react to the king’s demands?
   They were sad and began to worship at different houses so the soldiers would not find them.

4. Why did the king’s soldiers have trouble finding where the people were meeting?
   The king’s soldiers had trouble finding where the people were meeting because they worshiped at a
   different house each Sabbath morning.
5. What was happening in the Brewsters’ house when the soldiers saw that it was dark?
   The soldiers saw that the Brewsters’ house was dark and still, but the people were on their knees in
   the dark chapel upstairs.

“For Conscience’ Sake” – Page 20

1. When the soldiers found the people worshiping in a barn, what did they do to the men?
   When the soldiers found the people worshiping in the barn, they put the men in prison; but the rest of
   their families were able to return to their lonely homes.

2. What happened to some of their homes?
   Some of their homes were burned.

3. What did the men decide they must do to be free to worship God according to the Bible?
   The men decided they had to leave England and find another place where they could worship God as
   the Bible requires.

4. List three of the reasons Holland was thought to be a good country to which to move.
   While four reasons are given in the book, only three need to be provided by the student.
   a. Everyone was free to worship as God requires. (The text states “as they pleased.”)
   b. The Dutch were glad to have honest people come to their country from other lands to make new
      homes.
   c. They had fine, godly schools where the English families could send their children.
   d. Holland was not very far from England, so it would not cost as much to go there as to some other
      places.

5. At what time of the year did the people sadly prepare to leave England?
   The people sadly prepared to leave England in the autumn, after their crops were gathered and sold.
   The men also sold their horses, cattle, homes, and nearly all their furniture. Then, after packing their
   clothing and a few other things, they were ready to leave England.

Bible Application:
   In Acts chapter 4, Peter and John are put in prison for teaching the people about Jesus. The government told
   them never again to speak in the name of Jesus. Read Peter and John’s response in Acts 4:19–20. How is
   their response to the government similar to the Pilgrims’ response to the government?
   Answers will vary. The key concept that should be included is that, like Peter and John who had to
   choose between God’s requirements and the civil government’s commands, the Pilgrims thought it
   more important to worship as God requires than to follow the rules of the English government
   (which forced them to attend the State Church).

“Pilgrims” – Page 25

1. Why didn’t the Pilgrims’ plan to go to Holland work?
   The Pilgrims’ plan did not work because the captain of the boat told the English soldiers about them,
   and the soldiers arrested the Pilgrims.

2. Where was everyone put when they were taken off the ship?
   All the Pilgrims (the men, women, and children) were put in prison when they were taken off the
   ship.