

PHILIP HALL LIKES ME.
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Synopsis

This story is about a young girl trying to deal with her need to fit in and her need to be her best. She is beginning to like boys, one in particular, Phillip Hall, and she's not sure what to do about it. Some of the things she tries fail, but she comes to a better understanding of herself along the way.

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LESSON 1

September - December

1. Who is Philip Hall?
2. What is the mystery that Beth wants to solve in the "December" chapter?
3. What does "derailment" mean?
4. Circle the event, which happened last?
 - A. Beth saved Philip a place in line
 - B. the turkeys disappearing
 - C. the birthday party
5. Do you think Philip Hall would still like Beth if she was better at some things than he was?

6. How do you think you would feel if your best friend didn't invite you to his or her party?

7. Do you think Beth was brave or foolish to try and catch the turkey thieves?

Explain your answer.

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LESSON 2

February - June

1. For what does Beth's father trade the turkeys?

2. Beth's grandmother gave her a nightgown. What kind of material is it?
 - A. flannel
 - B. old curtains
 - C. flour sack

3. How does Beth decide to make money for college?

4. What is an allergy?

5. Circle the following event that happened first.
 - A. Beth decides to be a veterinarian
 - B. Philip and Beth go to Walnut Ridge
 - C. Beth opens her vegetable store
 - D. Beth's mother has a baby

6. Why did Beth's family laugh at her when she was talking about her stand being ruined?

7. Tell about a time when something happened to you or someone you know that was discouraging.

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LESSON 3

July

1. What are the Pretty Pennies?
 - A. new pennies from the mint
 - B. a singing group
 - C. a girls' club Beth started

2. The pretty Pennies decided to begin a new project. What was it?

3. Something happened to the T-shirts. What was it?
 - A. They shrank when they were washed.
 - B. The dog chewed them up.
 - C. The colors in them faded and changed.

4. What does "picket line" mean?

5. What do you think Beth hoped would happen when she went to see the sheriff?

6. How do you think Beth felt when she went to confront Mr. Putterham?

7. Do you think Beth's decision to picket was a good one? Why or why not?

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LESSON 4

August

1. Beth and Philip make a bet on the bus. What is it?
2. Why doesn't the scheduled race take place?
3. Philip had trouble getting down the mountain. Circle the two things that helped him.
 - A. a crutch and a tractor
 - B. a crutch and a car
 - C. Beth and a tractor
4. What does "proclaim" mean?
5. Put the following in the correct order.
____ the boys play catch with Beth's shoe
____ Beth wakes up Anne with a flashlight
____ Philip gets lost

6. What would you do if someone took your shoe and started tossing it around?

7. How do you think Philip felt when Beth found him on the mountains?

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LESSON 5

September

1. What type of animal does Beth's 4-H project involve?
 - A. calf
 - B. lamb
 - C. pig

2. Who won the calf contest?

3. What is the last contest Beth and Philip enter?
 - A. They enter a dance contest against each other.
 - B. They enter a tractor pull contest.
 - C. They enter a dance contest together.

4. Put a check by the event, which happened last.
 - A. Philip and Beth go to get an ice cream cone
 - B. Philip and Beth make up
 - C. the square dancing starts

5. Why do you think Philip was upset when Beth won?

6. What is this type of story called?

- A. modern fiction
- B. non(c)fiction
- C. fantasy

7. Choose one of the characters in the story and explain two ways that you are alike.

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Answer Key

LESSON 1

1. Philip Hall is Beth's best friend.
2. The mystery that Beth is trying to solve in the DECEMBER chapter is the disappearance of her father's turkeys.
3. Derailment is when a train goes off of its tracks.
4. The event, which happens last, is the birthday party (C).
5. Answers will vary.
6. Answers will vary.
7. Answers will vary, but chasing after thieves is not a safe idea for real life young people.

LESSON 2

1. Beth's father trades the turkeys for a collie puppy.
2. C
3. Beth decides to make money for college by planting more vegetables so she can sell them at a roadside stand.
4. An allergy is a condition, which causes an adverse reaction to pollens, dust, or other things. In the story it says, "It's what don't bother some folks, bothers other folks a whole lot."
5. Beth's mother having her baby is the event, which happens first (D).
6. Beth's family laughs at her story of how her vegetable stand gets ruined because she blamed Philip for talking her into leaving it, but she had left it too.
7. Answers will vary.

LESSON 3

1. C
2. The Pretty Pennies decide to embroider T-shirts for themselves and then challenge the Tiger Hunters to a relay race at the Old Rugged Cross picnic.
3. A
4. A picket line is a line formed by people who are protesting something and they do not want other people to cross the line that they have made. The book defines picket line as, "Folks who is standing like some of God's own soldiers against the world's injustices."
5. Answers will vary.
6. Answers will vary.
7. Answers may vary but will probably include that Beth was most likely scared, nervous, and determined to get the money back when she went to see Mr. Putterham.

LESSON 4

1. The bet that Philip and Beth made on the bus was that if the girls win the race the boys will be their slaves and if the boys win the girls will give them the embroidered shirts.
2. The scheduled race between the Pretty Pennies and the Tiger Hunters does not take place because Philip is lost and everyone is looking for him.
3. C
4. Proclaim means to announce officially and publicly.
5. The correct order is 2, 1, and 3.
6. Answers will vary.
7. Answers will vary.

LESSON 5

1. A
2. Beth won the calf contest.
3. C
4. B
5. Answers will vary
6. A
7. Answers will vary.