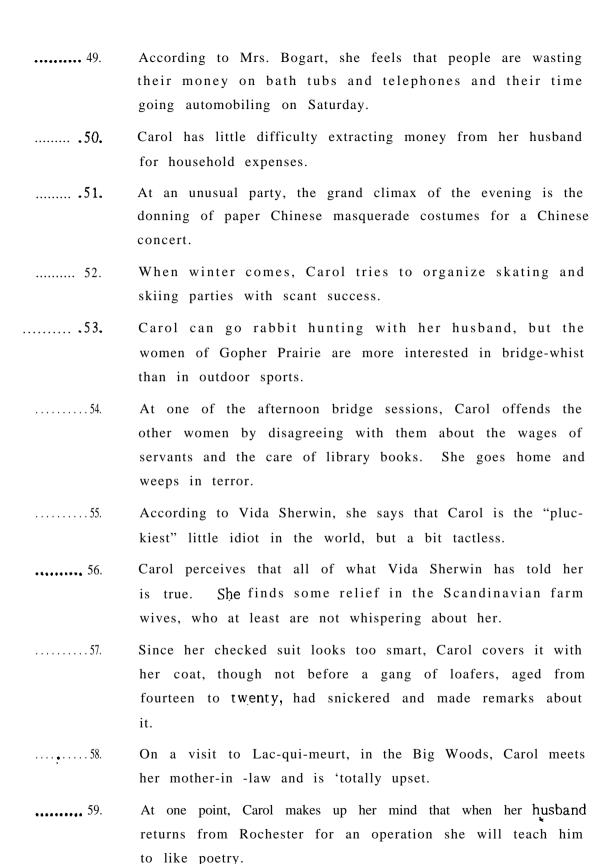
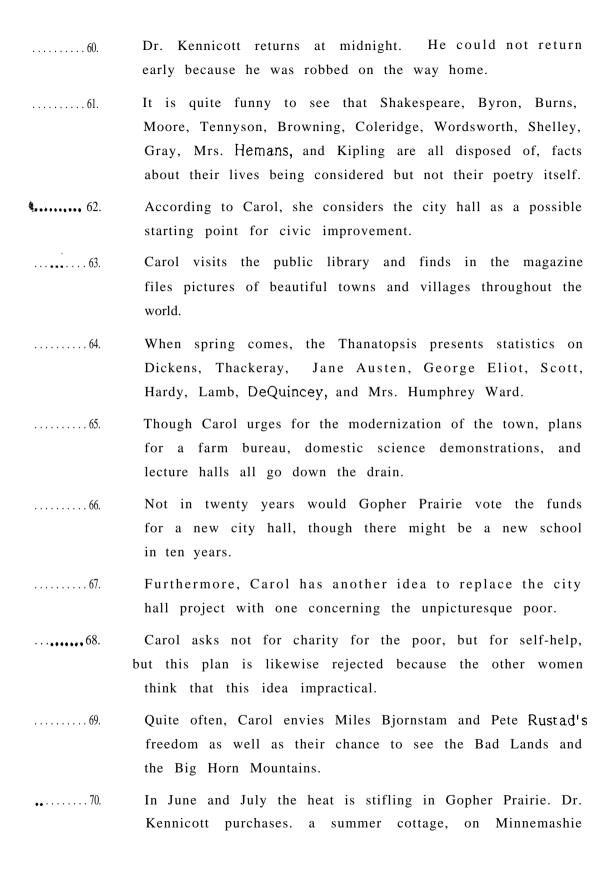
- Juanita as well as others welcomed Dr. Will and Carol at the station.
-39. Used to the indifference of cities, Carol did not realize that she was being observed while she was observing.
-40. The lack of planning, the flimsiness of the buildings, and the disregard for others which each owner shown overwhelmed Carol.
-41. Carol was brave enough to say to her husband upon her return that she found the town very uninteresting.
-42. The Party at Sam Clark's was, difficult for Carol. She felt that she had not dressed properly and that she was being evaluated and criticized from all sides.
-43. Miss Bea Sorenson admires Gopher Prairie and decides to hire herself to Mrs. Kennicott for two dollars a week.
-44. Dr. and Mrs. Kennicott spend a whole day hunting prairie chickens and squirrels with his new hammerless shotgun.
-45. Though the rough terrain hurts her feet and the sport is new to her, Carol enjoys the day, especially the contact with Mr. and Mrs. Rustad and her visit to their farm.
-46. At Mrs. Gurrey's boarding house Carol becomes acquainted with Raymie Wutherspoon, a clerk in the shoe department of the Bon Ton Store and a believer in purity of art and fiction.
-47. Raymie Wutherspoon considers Voltaire a disgusting writer, who uses English that is "real poor" and believes that only "improving" books are worth reading.
- with Bea Sorenson as her maid, Carol manages the housekeeping and shopping with comparative ease and loses sight of much of the drabness of Gopher Prairie while concentrating on its better aspects and more interesting people.

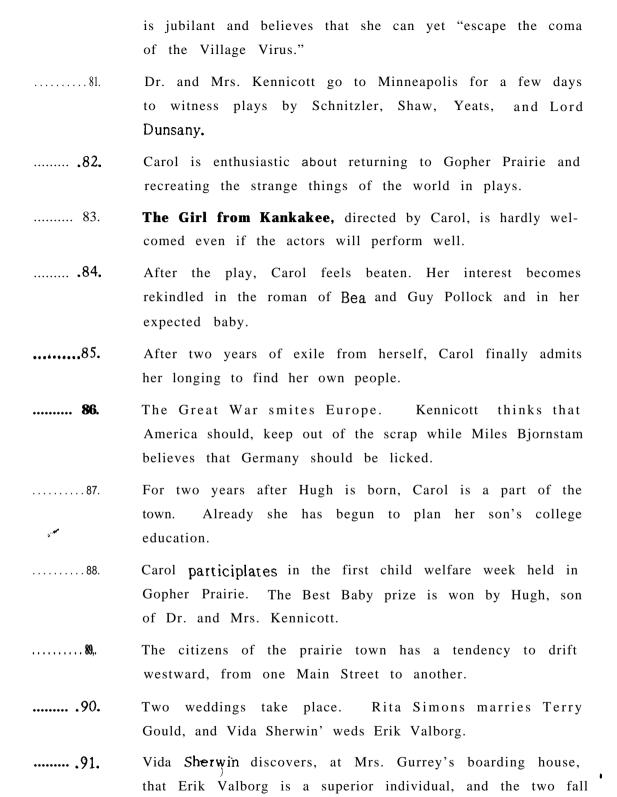




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Lake, and Carol, with Juanita Haydock, Maud Dyer, and several other wives, spends much time swimming and picnicking 'until September.

-*....71. When Carol becomes interested in the pioneers of the area, she reads records of sixty years ago and interviews the aged Perrys who had lost their money.
-72. Dr. Kennicott agrees to give his wife a bank account in her own name and to build a new house as soon as he is financially able. He would like to travel when he has accumulated enough money to act as a buffer for illness, misfortune, and old age.
-*.... 73. A night call brings Dr. Kennicott out in snow too deep for a car, to operate in a Dutch kitchen on a woman with acute cancer.
- Pollock that they are both hypercritical loafters, while her husband "quietly goes and does things."
-76. Dr. Kennicott has five hobbies: medicine, land investment, love affairs, motoring, and Carol.
- Carol feels that she is changing and growing more like her husband. Something must prevent it, her work, she feels, must continue to preserve her soul.
-78. One day she notices that the strings of her piano have snapped from long disuse.
-80. The idea of the Gopher Prairie Dramatic Association is born during a midwinter frolic at Jack Elder's shack. Carol



She is thirty-nine and he a year younger.

92.	Vida advises Erik about his clothes and his job. When he is about to dodge the issue, she encourages him into a proposal and they are 'married in June.
93.	Soon she pushes Erik, her husband, into a one-sixth partner- ship in the Haydock store, and he becomes a "glorified floorwalker." Vida no longer envies Carol.
94.	As a result of reading stories and seeing modern plays, Carol is more disgusted than ever with the traditions of the American small town.
95.	Vida considers the participation in baby welfare week Carol's best accomplishment in Gopher Prairie. The two campaign for a village nurse to attend poor families.
	Carol wants results now and is not content with Vida's slower method of bringing ideas to fruition.
97.	When Bresnahan takes Carol in Jackson Elder's Cadillac, Carol admits a longing for people of her own kind, mostly found in cities. Though she does not admire Bresnahan, her contact with him leads her to adultery.
98.	Dr. Kennicott is tempted by Maud Dyer to visit her at her home one evening while her husband, Dave, is working late at the drug store.
99.	Mrs. Bogart and Aunt Bessie Smail call on Carol and hint broadly how, "designin' women" can tempt men, especially a doctor. Carol, entirely unsuspicious, does not welcome their meddling.
100.	Misfortune overtakes the Bjornstam family when both Bea and her child die of typhoid, caused by drinking contaminated water. Carol acts as nurse for the patients, and Dr. Kennicott uses all his professional skill, but to no avail.

PART THREE. Choose the word having the same meaning as the underlined word in each sentence.

- 1. **Nor** was she **thinking** of **squaws** and portages, and the Yankee furtraders whose shadows were all about her.
 - a) American Indian women
 - b) American Indian tobacco
 - c) Indian canoes
 - d) high mountains
- 2. It is a bulwark of sound religion. It is still combating the recent **heresies** of Voltaire, Darwin, and Robert Ingersoll.
 - a) recognitions
 - b) beliefs contrary to what is generally accepted
 - c) science dealing with the coats of arms
 - d) allowances
- 3. The smallness of the school, the fewness of rivals, permitted her to experiment with her perilous **versatility.**
 - a) curiosity
 - b) knowledge
 - c) competence
 - d) background
- **4.** It was a **frail** and blue and lonely Carol who trotted to the flat of the Johnson on Marburys for Sunday evening supper.
 - a) delicate
 - b) fragile
 - c) destroyed
 - d) weak
- 5. Mr. Marbury boomed, "Carol, come over here and meet Doc Kennicott-Dr. Will Kennicott of Gopher Prairie.
 - a) int roduced
 - b) suggested

c) uttered in a deep voice d) shouted 6. And it's a darn pretty town. Lots of fine maples and 'box-elders, and there's two of the dandiest lakes you ever saw, right near town! a) very b) damn c) uglv d) blackish and sordid 7. It had been a transforming honeymoon. She had been frightened to discover how tumultuous a feeling could be roused in her. a) perfect b) changing c) decaying d) interesting 8. I know! That's what hurts. Life seems so hard for them - these ioneiy farms and this gritty train. a) muddy b) sandy c) dirty d) tidy 9. These Dutch burgs are kind of low. Still, at that - See that fellow coming out of the general store there, getting into the big car? a) ways of life. b) modes of life c) towns d) dwellings 10. You bet. I told you you'd like 'em. Squarest people on earth.

a) the most interestingb) the most thorough

c) the most saned) the most honest

- 11. She wanted to run, fleeing from the encroaching prairie, demanding the security of a great city. Her dreams of creating a beautiful town were ludicrous
 - a) true and faithful
 - b) ridiculous
 - c) tremendous
 - d) cont inuous
- 12. It was not only the unsparing unapologetic ugliness and the **rigid** straightness which overwhelmed her. It was the planlessness, the **flimsy** temporariness of the buildings, their faded unpleasant colours.
 - a) daunt less
 - b) beautiful
 - c) thin, easily damaged and cheap
 - d) not showing deserved respect
- 13. At noon they drove into her first farmyard, a private village, a white house with no porches save a low and quite dirty stoop at the back.
 - a) except
 - b) prevent
 - c) help
 - d) without
- **14.** They **lurched** to the highroad and awoke from their sunsoaked drowse at the sound of the clopping hoofs.
 - a) jumped
 - b) moved along quickly
 - c) ran toward
 - d) climbed
- 15. When she did **contrive** to get sweetbreads at Dahl & Oleson's Meat Market the triumph was so vast that she buzzed with excitement and admired the strong wise butcher, Mr. Dahl.
 - a) select
 - b) attempt

- c) find a way
- d) take part
- 16. She decorated only one room. The rest, Kennicott hinted, she'd better leave till he "made a ten-strike."
 - a) made a new clinic
 - b) moved out from the town
 - c) had a son
 - d) made adequate money
- 17. It was twenty minutes later when Mrs. Bogart finally **oozed** out of the front door.
 - a) passed slowly
 - b) moved rapidly
 - c) came quickly
 - d) transformed
- 18. Carol saw Dave Dyer secretively turn over the gold pillows to find a price-tag, and heard Mr. Julius Flickerbaugh, the attorney, gasp, "Well, I'll be switched," as he viewed the vermilion print hanging against the Japanese **obi.**
 - a) carpet
 - b) broad sash
 - c) jacket
 - d) sheet
- **19.** The world was **so luminous** that she sat down at her rickety little desk in the living-room to make a poem.
 - a) green
 - b) great
 - c) wonderful
 - d) bright and clear
- 20. She could not have outside employment. To the doctor's wife it was **taboo.**
 - a) forbidden
 - b) superstit ut ious

- c) allowed
- d) permitted
- 21. She had been embarassed by Kennicott's frankness, but she agreed with him that in the insane condition of civilization, which made the **rearing** of citizens more costly and perilous than any other crime.
 - a) remaining
 - b) bringing up
 - c) staying
 - d) most part
- 22. She never again felt quite young enough and defiant enough and free enough to run and **halloo** in the public streets.
 - a) walk around
 - b) dance happily
 - c) roll on the ground
 - d) shout to attract attention
- 23. "Oh, yes, Gopher Prairie isn't so much behind the times," gibed Mrs. Howard. Someone giggled.
 - a) whispered
 - b) agreed
 - c) mocked
 - d) spoke softly
- 24. Their **rebuffs** made her haughty; her haughtiness irritated them to franker rebuffs; they were working up to a state of painfully righteous war when they were saved by the coming of food.
 - a) contemptuous refusals
 - b) unkind introductions
 - c) bad and impolite answers
 - d) rude manners
- '25. Oh, I will be. If I can't be one of the town, if I must be an outcast
 - a) homeless person
 - b) wanderer

- c) outlaw
- d) ruffian
- 26. I always think this climate is the finest in the world, and my friends are the dearest people in the world, and my work is the most essential thing in the world. Probably I **fool myself.**
 - a) I am wrong
 - b) I am mad
 - c) I deceive myself
 - d) I am foolish
- 27. But I know one thing for certain: You're the **pluckiest** little idiot in the world.
 - a) bravest
 - b) sullenest
 - c) most victorious
 - d) most scarce
- 28. I feel so inconspicuous and so normal -so normal that there's nothing about me to discuss.
 - a) common
 - b) striking
 - c) obvious
 - d) apparent
- 29. And I don't like it. It makes me **crawly** to think of their daring to talk over all I do and say. Pawing me over!
 - a) bored
 - b) tired
 - c) excited
 - d) creepy
- 30. Watching Mrs. Kennicott **flit** about the kitchen she was better able to translate Kennicott himself.
 - a) cook food
 - b) mix gredients to prepare food

- c) move lightly and quickly
- d) walk to and fro
- 31. But he had his mother's genius for trusting, her disdain for **prying**, her sure integrity.
 - a) inquiring too curiously
 - b) gossipping
 - c) laughing at
 - d) discovering the truth
- 32. She had **scuttled** about town and plucked compliments: Mrs. Dr. West-lake had pronounced Carol a "very sweet, bright, cultured young woman."
 - a) walked
 - b) hurried
 - c) crawled
 - d) trotted
- 33. The young matrons discussed the intimacies of domesticity with a frankness and a **minuteness** which dismayed Carol.
 - a) small detail
 - b) report
 - c) description
 - d) record
- 34. Yes, 1 think that a St. Patrick's Day party would be awfully **cunning** and original, and yer not too queer or freaky or anything.
 - a) clever
 - b) crooked
 - c) interesting
 - d) wise
- 35. She stood wringing her hands in front of nineteen folding chairs, in her front parlor with its faded photograph of Minnehaha Falls in 1890, its "colored enlargement" of Mr. Dawson, its bulbous lamp painted with **sepia** cows and mountains and standing on a mortuary marble column.

- a) woolen
- b) dark brown
- c) covered with fur
- d) splendid
- 36. She creaked, "O Mrs. Kennicott, I'm in such **a fix** I'm supposed to lead the discussion, and I wondered would you come and help?
 - a) an awkward situation
 - b) a good state
 - c) a doubt
 - d) a determination
- 37. In the afternoon she **scampered** to the public library.
 - a) dawdled
 - b) walked slowly
 - c) ran quickly
 - d) walked happily and slowly
- **38.** She **berated** herself, "Stop this fever of reforming everything!" I will be satisfied with the library!
 - a) scolded sharply
 - b) talked to herself
 - c) cried out loudly
 - d) comforted herself
- 39. She had won. She was profusely **escorted** to a room like a grand-mother's attic.
 - a) cont rolled
 - b) guided
 - c) led
 - d) accompanied
- 40. At a quarter to three Carol had left home; at half-past four she had **created** the Georgian town; at a quarter to five she was in the dignified poverty of the Congregational parsonage.
 - a) built

- b) established
- c) constructed
- d) made in her mind
- 41. But if I might make just the least little **criticism:** it seems to me that you are wrong in supposing either that the city hall would be the proper start, or that the Thanatopsis would be the right instrument.
 - a) gossip
 - b) remark
 - c) complaint
 - d) idea
- ,42. As soon as Carol was convinced that even in this **imprisoned** North, spring could exist again.
 - a) free
 - b) liberal
 - c) confined
 - d) punished
- 43. But a week later, though the snow, was everywhere in slushy heaps. the promise was unmistakable.
 - a) soft, melting snow
 - b) high
 - c) crystal snow
 - d) white and rather gray snow
- 44. The expanding forces of life within her choked the desire for reforming.
 - a) smothered
 - b) suffocated
 - c) blocked up
 - d) a, b, and c are correct
- 45. She listened respectably to statistics on Dickens, Thackeray, Jane Austen, George Eliot, Scott, Hardy, Lamb, De Quincey, and Mrs. Humphry Ward, who, it seemed, constituted the writers of English Fiction and Essays.

- a) data
- b) numbers
- c) ,f igures
- d) lives
- 46. She had often glanced at the store-building which had been turned into a **refuge** in which farmwives could wait while their husbands transacted business.
 - a) shelter
 - b) dwelling
 - c) habitat ion
 - d) firm
- 47. She had heard Vida Sherwin and Mrs. Warren **caress** the virtue of the Thanatopsis in establishing the rest-room and in sharing with city council the expense of maintaining it.
 - a) embrace
 - b) kiss
 - c) affectionate touch
 - d) affectionate feeling
- 48. So it **chanced** that she was plotting against the peace of the Thanatopsis at her third meeting.
 - a) took place
 - b) took part
 - c) happened
 - d) brought about
- 49. "I wish I could agree with you, dearie. I'm sure you're one of the Lord's anointed
 - a) damned
 - b) blessed
 - c) selected
 - d) promised

- 50. That's enough monkeying with this scientific farming-Champ says there's nothing to it anyway.
 - a) trifing
 - b) investing
 - c) pardonning
 - d) talking

PART	FOUR	Answer	the	following	questions	in	good	English.
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1. In what ways may Main Street be considered a satire? Explain fully.

2. Would you have the book end differently? If so, why and how?

3. Explain how local **colour** is used as background for the novel. Give several concrete examples.

4. What to you are the points of highest interest in **Main Street?** Mention several, giving reasons for your choice.

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5. List five current styles or fads mentioned in Main Street that are now long outdated or forgotten. Comment on each one, whenever possible introducing a modern parallel.

6. Describe one of the following characters in detail.

Dr. Will Kennicott Carol Milford Vida Sherwin Guy Pollock

7. Why do Mr. and Mrs. Dawson refuse to follow Carol's idea of reforming the town? Explain.

8. Who fell in love with Carol while she was at Blodgett College? And why did she refuse his offer? Explain.

9. What do most of the girls at Blodgett do after graduation?

10. What is the chief reason that helps Dr. Will Kennidott win Carol's heart? Where do they meet each other for the first time?

11. What are the constrasts between Carol and Vida Sherwin? Explain fully.

12. Which one do you want to be - Carol or Vida Sherwin? Give your reasons to support your answer.

13. In what way does Carol have relations with Erik Valborg? What happens to both of them afterwards?

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14. Some critics say that the point of view that Miles Bjornstam takes of Gopher Prairie and of the world in general resembles that of Sinclair Lewis himself. On what attitude does Miles look up Gopher Prairid? Explain.

15. Though Dr. Kennicott and Carol are husband and wife, they have different ideas. What are they? Give three.

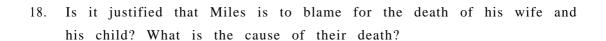
16. There are five special things or hobbies that interest Dr. Will most.

What are they? Are all these things important to his whole life?

Explain.

17. From your own point of view, is Dr. Kennicott a typical husband? Explain fully.

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19. Carol comes to Gopher Prairie with the purpose of reforming it, is she successful? Why?

20. Does the story have an happy ending or a sad ending? Do you like it as it is? Explain.

21. Why do the people in Gopher Prairie object to any kind of reforming or planning? Explain fully.

22. Why did Sinclair Lewis introduce many characters in Main Street?

Explain fully.

23. Among the characters in **Main Street**, which do you like most? Explain.

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