



# *Pioneer Girl: Growing Up On The Prairie*

by Andrea Warren

## Power Vocabulary List



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### \* BEAU

*Pronunciation*

**boe**

*Part of Speech*

noun

*Definition 1*

boyfriend

*Word Used in Context*

Peggy's older sister Elizabeth has a **beau** in the American army.

Prissy announced she had a **beau**, though she never revealed who he was.

Rose was too young to have a **beau**, but she did have a lot of friends who were boys.

### \* CALICO

*Pronunciation*

**kal-lih-koh**

*Part of Speech*

adjective

*Definition 1*

having spotted colors, colorful patterns (usually on cotton cloth)

*Word Used in Context*

Her ragged dress had once been rose-colored **calico** but was now gray.

She boiled eggs and painted faces on them and made little **calico** bonnets for them.

The **calico** cat with the orange spots led me out of the yard and down the street.

### GENTEEL

*Pronunciation*

**jen-teel**

*Part of Speech*

adjective

*Definition 1*

extremely polite and careful in your behavior

*Word Used in Context*

She always loved visiting her Uncle Jeff in Georgia and enjoyed his **genteel** Southern charm.

Few visitors failed to comment on the **genteel** and friendly cheerfulness of the place.

I had put such behavior as always using the correct silverware down to their years of **genteel** breeding.

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### GORE

*Pronunciation*

**gor**

*Part of Speech*

transitive verb

*Definition 1*

to pierce or wound with something pointed (as a horn or knife)

*Word Used in Context*

The mountain goats try to **gore** the wolves with their horns.

The javelina was just about to **gore** the little roadrunner with its sharp tusks when the roadrunner woke up.

Its heavy head is already there in the stone, lowered and ready to **gore** the other rhinoceros.

### \* HEIFER

*Pronunciation*

**hef-ur**

*Part of Speech*

noun

*Definition 1*

a young cow that has not had a calf

*Word Used in Context*

The young **heifer** would graze in the grass with the older cows and their calves.

There were the four pairs of oxen, two milk cows named Lillie and Blackie, and our tame little **heifer**, Daisy.

The little **heifer** twisted her neck to look up at the farmer, and said, "moo."

### \* IMMIGRANT

*Pronunciation*

**im-uh-gruhnt**

*Part of Speech*

noun

*Definition 1*

someone who comes from abroad to live permanently in a country

*Word Used in Context*

An **immigrant** is a person who comes to another country to settle.

"My name is Marika, and I am an **immigrant** from Hungary."

My friend Frederico is an **immigrant** from Ecuador who came to the United States five years ago.

### INFEST

*Pronunciation*

**in-fehsst**

*Part of Speech*

transitive verb

*Definition 1*

to become full of animals, insects or pests

*Word Used in Context*

Fleas can carry tapeworm and can **infest** the dog's bedding, and eventually a whole house.

The birds eat the flies that **infest** their backs.

Rats **infest** our storehouse of corn.

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### \* INSULATION

*Pronunciation*

**in-suh-lay-shuhn**

*Part of Speech*

noun

*Definition 1*

a covering or layer of material designed to stop heat or electricity from escaping

*Word Used in Context*

**Insulation** prevents heat from passing into or out of an area.

Inuit clothing is light but provides excellent **insulation** from the snow and cold air.

The element has a covering of **insulation** that keeps the electricity away from the water but lets the heat pass through.

### \* MEMOIR

*Pronunciation*

**mem-wor**

*Part of Speech*

noun

*Definition 1*

a narrative composed from personal experience

*Word Used in Context*

Laurie was writing a personal **memoir**, recounting her life experiences.

The former president was writing a **memoir** of his years in the White House, his meetings with world leaders, and the accomplishments he made during his presidency.

Cassandra was asked to write several facts she would include in a **memoir** about her life.

### \* RATION

*Pronunciation*

**rash-uhn**

*Part of Speech*

noun

*Definition 1*

a limited amount or share, especially of food

*Word Used in Context*

The water **ration** was small, and we were always thirsty.

He had cared enough for me to insist on an extra **ration** when some officials unexpectedly distributed food and I had not been there to demand my share.

Each group got a **ration** of food and then went off to spend the night in barns.

### \* REVIVAL

*Pronunciation*

**rih-vye-vuhl**

*Part of Speech*

noun

*Definition 1*

an often highly emotional evangelistic meeting or series of meetings

*Definition 2* renewed attention to or interest in something

*Word Used in Context*

There was a big **revival** at my Auntie Reed's church.

That morning, Brother Lyte had introduced the guest preacher from Knoxville, reminding the congregation that it was time for the winter **revival**.

A **revival** of hope and courage possessed her after the depressing day.

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### SPORADIC

*Pronunciation*

spuh-rah-dik

*Part of Speech*

adjective

*Definition 1*

occurring occasionally, singly, or in scattered instances

*Word Used in Context*

These three rivers all have irregular water flows because of **sporadic** rainfall.

I tell my clients up front that my gift is **sporadic** and occasionally unreliable.

Only **sporadic** shortages of gasoline created any difficulty.

### STREWN

*Pronunciation*

**stroon**

*Part of Speech*

intransitive verb

*Definition 1*

to scatter, sprinkle, or throw here and there

*Word Used in Context*

The guitar lies sprawled across the couch, and sheet music is **strewn** about.

His library books were **strewn** about on the floor.

Straw was brought in and **strewn** all over the floor.

### \* THRESH

*Pronunciation*

**thresh**

*Part of Speech*

transitive verb

*Definition 1*

to separate the seed or grain from a cereal plant such as wheat by beating

*Word Used in Context*

A farmer used a flail to **thresh** grains so that the chaff could be removed.

Father and the neighbors are working hard to **thresh** our grain.

The next day neighboring farmers came to **thresh** the oats.

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## Power Vocabulary Activity

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**Directions:** For each vocabulary word below, circle it in the letter grid above—up and down, across, backwards or diagonally. Going across each row starting at the top left, place each unused letter on a blank to discover the hidden message.

BEAU  
CALICO  
GENTEEL  
GORE  
HEIFER

IMMIGRANT  
INFEST  
INSULATION  
MEMOIR  
RATION

REVIVAL  
SPORADIC  
STREWN  
THRESH

**Hidden Message:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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## Power Vocabulary Activity



BEAU	IMMIGRANT	REVIVAL
CALICO	INFEST	SPORADIC
GENTEEL	INSULATION	STREWN
GORE	MEMOIR	THRESH
HEIFER	RATION	

  

The crossword puzzle grid consists of white squares for letters and empty spaces. The numbered squares are:

- 1: Down, top-left
- 2: Down, middle-left
- 3: Down, middle-right
- 4: Down, middle-right
- 5: Across, middle-left
- 6: Across, middle-right
- 7: Across, middle-right
- 8: Across, bottom-left
- 9: Down, bottom-right
- 10: Across, bottom-middle
- 11: Across, bottom-middle
- 12: Across, bottom-middle
- 13: Down, bottom-right
- 14: Across, bottom-right

### Across

5. an often highly emotional evangelistic meeting or series of meetings
6. to become full of animals, insects or pests
8. a narrative composed from personal experience
10. boyfriend
11. a covering or layer of material designed to stop heat or electricity from escaping
12. someone who comes from abroad to live permanently in a country
14. a young cow that has not had a calf

### Down

1. occurring occasionally, singly, or in scattered instances
2. extremely polite and careful in your behavior
3. having spotted colors, colorful patterns (usually on cotton cloth)
4. to pierce or wound with something pointed (as a horn or knife)
7. to scatter, sprinkle, or throw here and there
9. a limited amount or share, especially of food
13. to separate the seed or grain from a cereal plant such as wheat by beating

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**Directions:** For each vocabulary word in the left-column, locate its definition in the right column. Write the number of the correct definition in the blank before the word.

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|----------------|--|
| ___ beau       | 1. an often highly emotional evangelistic meeting or series of meetings                |
| ___ calico     | 2. to become full of animals, insects or pests   |
| ___ genteel    | 3. occurring occasionally, singly, or in scattered instances                           |
| ___ gore       | 4. to separate the seed or grain from a cereal plant such as wheat by beating          |
| ___ heifer     | 5. a young cow that has not had a calf   |
| ___ immigrant  | 6. boyfriend   |
| ___ infest     | 7. extremely polite and careful in your behavior                                       |
| ___ insulation | 8. a narrative composed from personal experience                                       |
| ___ memoir     | 9. to scatter, sprinkle, or throw here and there                                       |
| ___ ration     | 10. having spotted colors, colorful patterns (usually on cotton cloth)                 |
| ___ revival    | 11. a limited amount or share, especially of food                                      |
| ___ sporadic   | 12. to pierce or wound with something pointed (as a horn or knife)                     |
| ___ strewn     | 13. someone who comes from abroad to live permanently in a country                     |
| ___ thresh     | 14. a covering or layer of material designed to stop heat or electricity from escaping |

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## Power Vocabulary Assessment



**Directions:** Now that you have completed *Pioneer Girl: Growing Up On the Prairie*, it's time to see if you can use the Power Vocabulary Words you learned while reading this book. Look at each of the sentences below and fill in the Power Vocabulary Word that would best complete the sentence.

BEAU	IMMIGRANT	REVIVAL
CALICO	INFEST	SPORADIC
GENTEEL	INSULATION	STREWN
GORE	MEMOIR	THRESH
HEIFER	RATION	

1. She was our favorite cow, a sweet-faced little two-year-old \_\_\_\_\_ the color of honey, who loved to be petted.
2. She wrote a fascinating \_\_\_\_\_ recounting her personal experiences as an ambassador to the United Nations.
3. Cook said he helped herd sheep, cut hay, \_\_\_\_\_ oats, and do all sorts of other things around the farm.
4. Various types of beetles may \_\_\_\_\_ food stored in your cupboards.
5. To repay her a little for her contention that he was the best preacher of the \_\_\_\_\_, he suggested she visit his church sometime.
6. She spoke with grace and her movements were assured with \_\_\_\_\_ politeness.
7. On Thursday Shirley asked, "Are you waiting for a love letter from an old \_\_\_\_\_?"
8. We were given a \_\_\_\_\_ of bread and margarine and a teaspoon of jam every few days.
9. They lowered their heads, and with mighty, iron-tipped horns they came to \_\_\_\_\_ and trample him.
10. The cats were every color, black and white and gray and striped and \_\_\_\_\_, and long- and short-haired.
11. An \_\_\_\_\_ is a person who leaves one country to live permanently in another.
12. Neither bird nor animal spoke and the only sound was the \_\_\_\_\_ soft thud of snow from overlaiden boughs.
13. Stacks of books and piles of magazines were \_\_\_\_\_ all over the desk and floor.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ is tucked between studs to keep heat inside the house.