I. Salt Draw, key

1. What was unusual about the cows?	They panicked, jumped the fence and ran away.
2. How could Lily tell what was coming?	There was a low rumbling sound.
3. What is so dangerous about this kind of 'weather event'?	Flashfloods can surprise and kill people.
4. How do Lily and her brother and sister survive?	They climb a tree.
5. How did Lily manage to keep them awake all night?	She sets them tasks and makes them think.
6. How did Mom and Dad react the next morning?	While she thanked God and claimed prayers had saved them, Dad acknowledged Lily's achievement.
7. Where did the family live?	On a homestead in West Texas, whose harsh climate is only for tough people.
8. What was the land like?	It is hard and dry but fortunately it has access to water, which makes it valuable.
9. What kind of business ideas did her father have?	Apart from working on the farm, he trained carriage horses but lost money on dubious schemes.
10. Where did his gimp leg come from?	As a child, he was kicked by a horse.
11. Where and when was Lily born?	On that farm in 1901.
12. Why had her dad been in prison?	He was accused of murder.
13. Why did people live in dugouts?	Because there were few trees and little timber.
14. What was it like to live in such a dugout?	Cool in summer, not too cold in winter but with snakes, mosquitoes and scorpions.
15. How does her mom cope with living in these conditions?	She tries to live like a genteel lady, trying to preserve her dainty looks and shirking hard work.
16. Who served as a role model to Lily?	Lupe, because she never indulged in self-pity.
17. Where did dad's family originally come from?	From Ireland during the potato famine in the late 1840s.
18. What was dad's attitude compared to her mom's?	She is passive and fatalistic while he puts up a fight and does not give in easily.
19. What kind of challenges did her dad have to meet?	He gimped and could not speak properly, which made him seem stupid.
20. What was his stance on liquor?	He hated it and supported Prohibition because he had seen too many lives ruined by the 'demon drink'.
21. What was his attitude towards education?	He valued education highly and taught his children himself.
22. Describe Lily's relationship with her mom.	They do not understand, let alone love each other.
23. Why was it often up to Lily to "keep the place from falling apart"?	Her Mom is unwilling and unable to do her fair share and the others do not rise to the challenge.
24. How did her father treat the horses?	Understanding their nature and, thus, getting the best out of them.
25. How did he react when Lily was	She cried and soon rode again, never even consid-

thrown off a horse?	ering giving up.
26. How did the next 'weather event' affect the family??	The tornado toppled the windmill, destroyed the roof, made the family give up on Salt Draw and move to the old Casey farm in New Mexico.