

Behind the High Board Fence

Chapter 3—Helen steps out

1. Which best interprets the pun below?

Meaning #1	The pun	Meaning #2
Helen steps out to the barn to deliver a message to her brothers.	Title of the chapter: Helen steps out	?

- A Helen walks off the barn loft ledge.
- B Helen moves into the rain under an umbrella.
- C Helen watches the chickens scratch for worms.
- D Helen climbs to the loft to check on the squab.

2. What prior knowledge is necessary to understand Cal’s comments about flying?

- A Eli Whitney perfected the cotton gin in 1794.
- B Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876.
- C The Wright Brothers achieved powered flight in 1903.
- D Women got the right to vote in 1920.

3. Which word picture gives readers the most detailed insight into living in Winston-Salem in 1910?

- A feeding horses
- B using umbrellas
- C checking squab
- D watching chickens

4. Which sentence uses the most effective onomatopoeia?

- A “The pigeons cooed as they settled in their nests for the night.”
- B “Helen took the umbrella and walked to the back porch to open it.”
- C “She walked over to join them near the hayloft door and looked down at the alley.”
- D “Then into the barn she went, passing the empty horse stall where Maude was kept.”

5. What has the reader learned about Helen?

- A She is far-sighted.
- B She is a daredevil.
- C She is a careful planner.
- D She is a careless messenger.

6. Which topic remains unexplored in Chapter 3?

- A Cal’s cough
- B squabs’ nests
- C hay as food
- D pigeon raising

Discuss and write about each chapter, completing open-ended sentences, such as:

1. I learned...

2. I predict...

3. I felt...because...

4. I thought...because...

5. I liked the way the writer (or illustrator)....