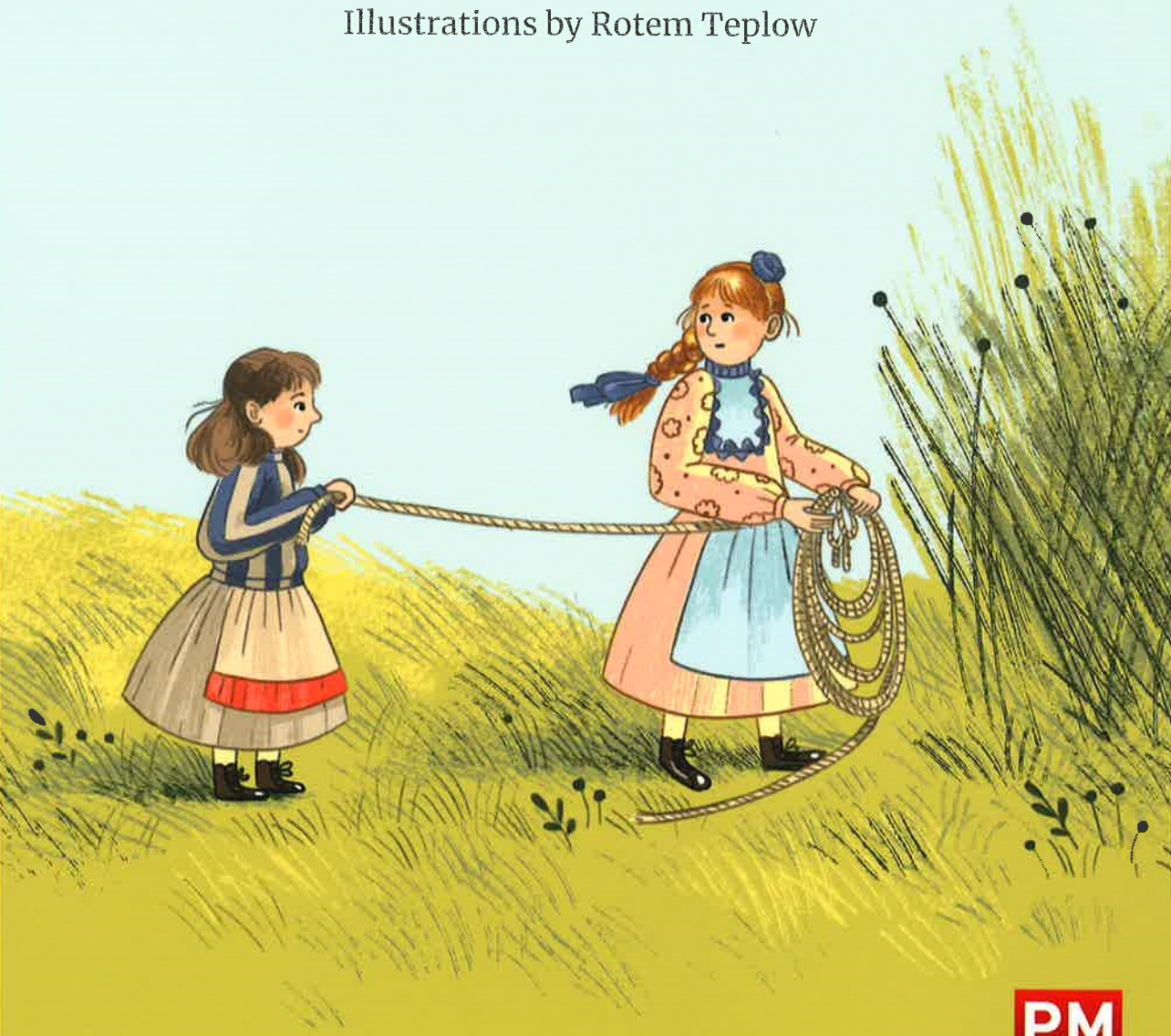
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Running Words 472 **Text Type** Narrative

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Humanities (History); Science (Biological Sciences)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Note: This is a historical story that takes place in the 1800s.

Ask each student to retell the story in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

1 Why was the family lucky to have Sunshine, the cow?
2 What did Sunshine do when Harriet left the gate to the pen open?
3 What did Harriet do with the two long ropes?
4 Once she had found Sunshine, how did Harriet know how to get out of the tall grass and back to Anna?

Inferential

5 Why was it important for Anna to hold on to one end of the rope?
6 Why would Harriet have to stop when she ran out of rope?
7 Why did Harriet laugh when she saw Sunshine in the long grass?
8 When they got back to the pen, why did Harriet shut the gate very carefully?

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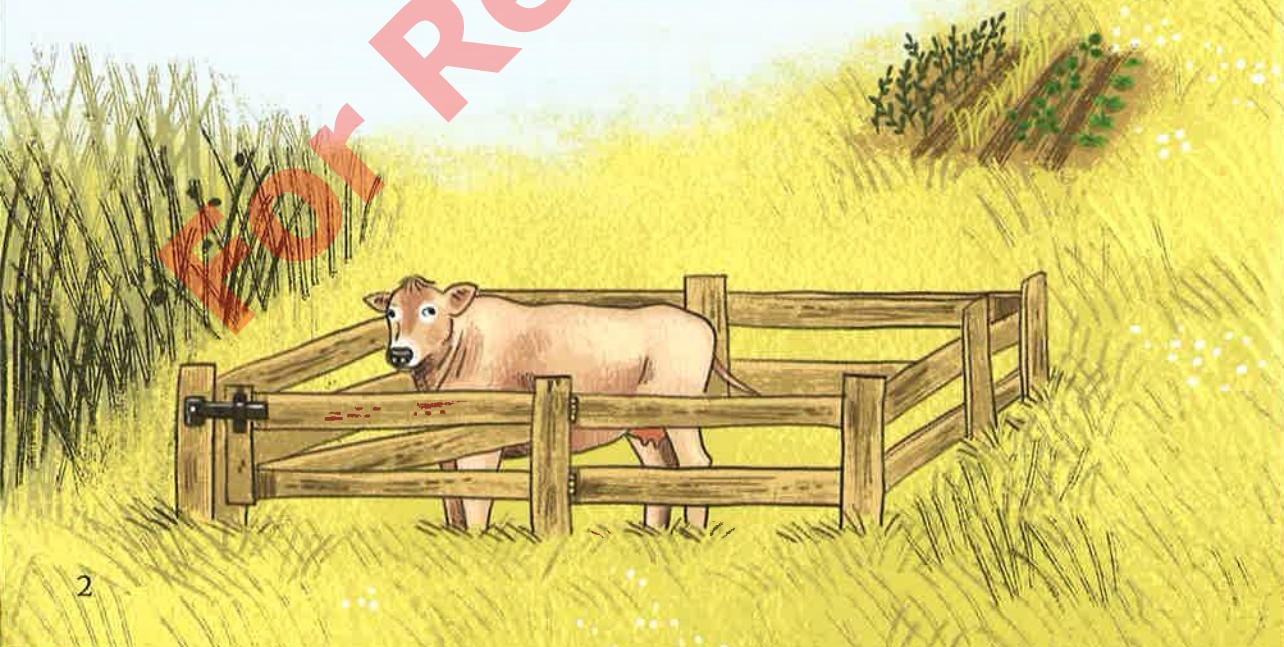
Chapter 1

Sunshine in the Grass

This story takes place many years ago, in the 1800s.

Harriet, her papa and her little sister, Anna,
lived on a farm in the country.
Their farm was near a big field of tall grass.

Often, the weather was hot and dry.
It was hard to grow potatoes
in the family's vegetable garden.



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The family had a cow called Sunshine.
They were lucky to have Sunshine.
She gave them milk each day.

Every morning, Harriet took a bucket of food from the barn to Sunshine's pen.



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One morning, Harriet went from the barn to Sunshine's pen with a bucket of food. She unlocked the gate to the pen.

Suddenly, she heard Anna shouting from the vegetable garden.
"I've found some potatoes!" Anna cried.

Harriet ran over to help her.



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The girls worked together,
digging up the potatoes.

Just then, Harriet heard a sound
coming from the field of tall grass.



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"Oh, no!" Harriet cried loudly.
"I can hear Sunshine in the grass.
I left the gate open!"



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"We must tell Papa," said Anna.

"Papa has gone on his horse to fix the fence
by the creek," said Harriet.
"We will have to find Sunshine ourselves."

"But if we walk into the tall grass,
we might get lost," said Anna.

Harriet stopped to think.

"I know what to do!" she said.
"I need to go to the barn.
You stay here in case Sunshine comes back out."

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