Sarah, Plain and Tall
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9 Novel Fluency Passages

(Word counts range from 263 – 329.)

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Thank you for purchasing these fluency passages! I hope that your students enjoy them as much as mine!

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My suggestions for use:

- Students can work in pairs or with the teacher.
- Have students trade fluency sheets, and take turns reading with a one-minute timer. The listening student should note the final word read by the reading student, and mark the final number of words read in the appropriate box at the bottom of the page.
- Do this three to five times weekly so students can track their own improvement.
- This makes a wonderful ice-breaker activity to start each day's class!

(The numbers at the end of each line represent the number of words from the beginning of the passage to that point.)

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Fluency Practice (Chapter 8)

The rain came and passed, but strange clouds hung in the northwest, low and black and green. And the air grew still. **13 22**

In the morning, Sarah dressed in a pair of overalls and went to the barn to have an argument with Papa. She took apples for Old Bess and Jake. **38 51**

"Women don't wear overalls," said Caleb, running along behind her like one of Sarah's chickens. **62 66**

"This woman does," said Sarah crisply. **72**

Papa stood by the fence. **77**

"I want to learn how to ride a horse," Sarah told him. "And then I want to learn how to drive the wagon. By myself." **94 102**

Jack leaned over and nipped at Sarah's overalls. She fed him an apple. Caleb and I stood behind Sarah. **115 121**

"I can ride a horse, I know," said Sarah. "I rode once when I was twelve. I will ride Jack." Jack was Sarah's favorite. **138 145**

Papa shook his head. "Not Jack," he said. "Jack is sly." **156**

"I am sly, too," said Sarah stubbornly. **163**

Papa smiled. "Ayuh," he said, nodding. "But not Jack." **172**

"Yes, Jack!" Sarah's voice was very loud. **179**

"I can teach you how to drive a wagon. I have already taught you how to plow." **195 196**

"And then I can go to town. By myself." **205**

"Say no, Papa," Caleb whispered beside me. **212**

"That's a fair thing, Sarah," said Papa. We'll practice. **221**

A soft rumble of thunder sounded. Papa looked up at the clouds. **233**

"Today?" Can we begin today?" asked Sarah. **240**

"Tomorrow is best," said Papa, looking worried. " I have to fix the house roof. A portion of it is loose. And there's a storm coming." **253 265**

Write the number of words you read in the box below for the appropriate day.

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