

## **RISE AND SHINE**

### ***Study Questions***

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1. The Great Depression and the influenza pandemic were a presence in Faith and Hope's time. What effect did the Great Depression have on the girls' lives? What effect did the influenza pandemic have on their lives? Use details from the text to support your response.
2. Faith and Hope are asked to help with a lot of chores. Which chore was their least favorite? Which chore would be your least favorite, and which chore would you like to try doing?
3. The girls don't always want to do the work required of them, yet they do it anyway. Is there anything in your life that you don't want to do, but you do it anyway? Be specific in your response and explain why or why not you do or don't do what is asked of you.
4. In what small and large ways can you see Hope showing respect for her parents and sister? Does she ever show disrespect to any of her family members? Be specific in your examples and use details from the text to support your response. In what ways do you show respect or disrespect to your family?
5. Some parents made their kids quit school to help on the farm. When talking to the girls about going to college, Papa says: "Of course, I had to quit after eighth grade to help my Pa on this farm. And I love the farm, but . . ." What do you think the "but" in Papa's sentence means? What does Papa want for his daughters' future? What do you think your family wants for your future? Is that what you want, or it is different? Explain.