Behind the High Board Fence

Chapter 3—Helen steps out

1. Which best interprets the pun below?

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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)…