Frontier Life

by Cindy Breedlove

My stockings have a hole in them, I'm learning how to darn. Which means that I am mending them With needle and some yarn.

Ma says my dress is getting short, We must let out the hem. My only shoes have come apart, And Pa is patching them.



And stake her out each day. I help my Ma by hanging clothes And watching Sissy play.

I go to bed so tired, And get up before the sun. There's always work that's waiting. It never gets all done.

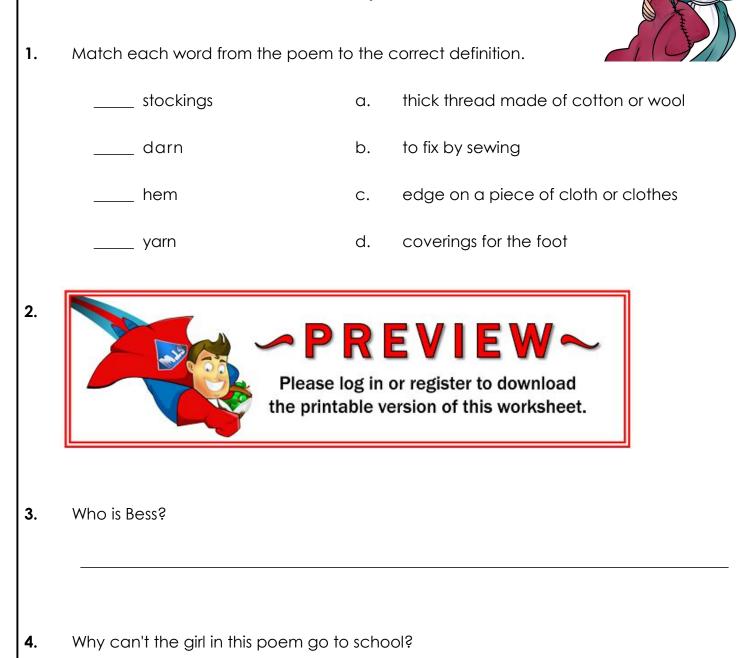
But Ma has made Pa promise To have a family rule. If there's a teacher hired, I get to go to school!



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5. Why do you think Ma wants her daughter to go to school?

ANSWER KEY

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- 1. Match each word from the poem to the correct definition.
 - **d** stockings

a. thick thread made of cotton or wool

