

BEGINNER LEVEL

Good Wives by Louisa M. Alcott

A Before Reading

1 Read about the March sisters on the back cover of the book. Each sister has a different plan. But what will happen to the sisters? Make one guess about each sister.

- (a) Meg will (c) Beth will
 (b) Jo will (d) Amy will

2 Read about the author, Louisa May Alcott on page 4. Write six facts about her.

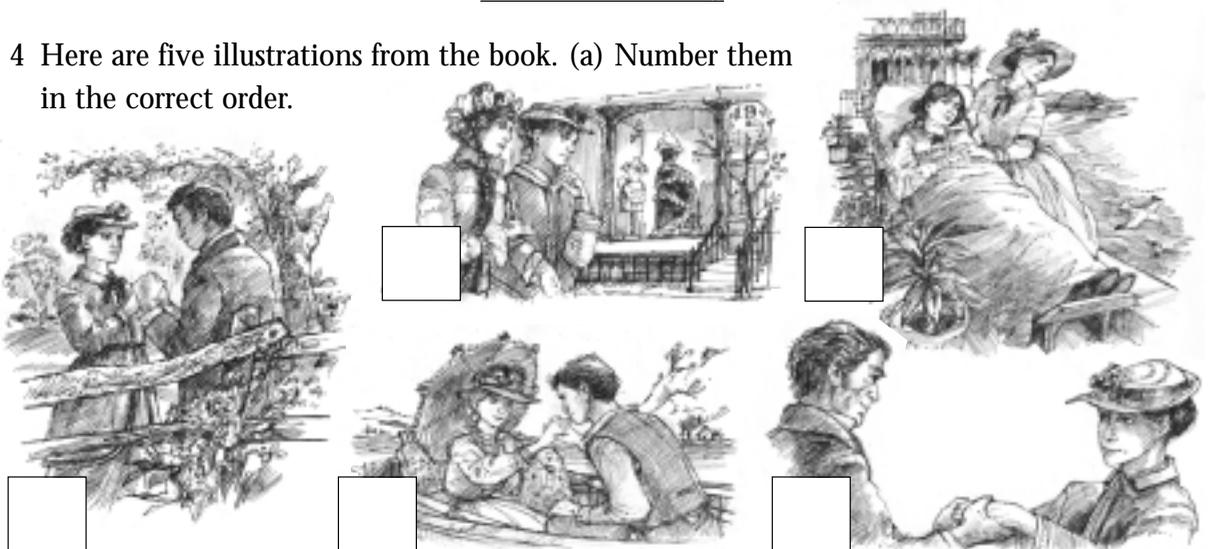
B While Reading

3 What are the most important events in the lives of the March sisters? Make a chart. For each chapter, write a sentence about each sister in that chapter.

Chapter	Meg	Jo	Beth	Amy
1	Meg gets married.			
2		Jo wins a competition for writers.		
3				

C After Reading

4 Here are five illustrations from the book. (a) Number them in the correct order.



(b) Write a sentence about each picture.

Picture number	Sentences
1	
2	
3	
4	
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5 There are several films of the story of **Good Wives**. You are going to make a new film of **Good Wives**. Look at *The People in This Story* on page 6 and fill in this chart.

People in the Story	Stars for my film
Mr March	
Mrs March	
Aunt March	
Meg March	
John Brooke	
Jo March	
Beth March	
Amy March	
Laurie Laurence	
Mr Laurence	
Professor Bhaer	
Mrs Carrol	

6 Which sister do you like best? Why?

7 Beth died when she was seventeen. Read about health in the nineteenth century and make a guess. What disease did Beth die from? Do people die from this disease now?

8 Meg is twenty, Jo is nineteen, Beth is seventeen, Amy is sixteen. The March sisters are alive now, in the twenty-first century. Answer these questions about each sister. (a) What is her job or where does she study? (b) What does she do in her free time? (c) What clothes does she like to wear? (You can draw the sisters or find photos from magazines.)