

Bookfolio for **The Cabin Faced West**

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Recommended for: [Grades 3-5](#)

Classification: Fiction

Genre: [Historical Fiction](#)

Story Summary: Mr. Hamilton uprooted his family to head for the frontier for "a great deal of land as well as a stake in the future of a new area of the country." For his daughter, Ann, however, life on Hamilton Hill held nothing. Aside from the endless chores, there was nothing but boys and babies. Ann recorded her loneliness in her diary. One day, a traveler named Arthur Scott shared stories with the family of his days in General George Washington's army. Ann was fascinated that General Washington always seemed to provide his men with inspiration and courage. Later, when Ann herself needed strength, General Washington, a landowner in the county, greeted her in the woods and asked if he might have supper with her family. His words of encouragement made Ann proud and happy to be a pioneer.

Read-aloud Recommendation: Chapter 4, pages 42-58

The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:

R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing

The Cabin Faced West - Independent Activities	Skills
1. The Joys of Research (Researching a topic)	R , S , W
2. Personification (Writing figurative language)	R , S , W
3. Ann's Favorite Place (Drawing a picture)	D , R
4. Teach and Tell (Teaching a skill)	S
5. Gold in Your Pockets (Writing a story)	D , S , W
6. Start a Journal (Writing a journal)	W
The Cabin Faced West - Group Activities	Skills
1. You Were There (Identifying details of setting)	R , S , W
2. "George Washington Was Here" (Presenting a Readers Theatre)	S
3. A Tea Party (Dramatizing a scene)	S
4. A Special Dinner Guest (Writing a scene with dialogue)	S , W
5. On the New Frontier (Writing diary entries)	S , W
6. "Let's Talk About..." (Discussing the story)	L , S

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