***Little House On Laura Wilder***

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It was a peaceful February morning in 1867. The Ingalls family had a beautiful little girl born. She was named Laura Elizabeth Ingalls. Laura became an author in her sixties. She wrote the Little House books. Ever since the time she was the age to work on the farm, she gave it all she got. She had grit walking right along side her throughout her life. There were many challenges in Laura Ingalls Wilder`s life that she had to overcome, and while having grit, she achieved them. They were always moving, she lived a rugged pioneer life, and she became a teacher.

To begin with, Laura and her family moved all across the country. When Laura was just two years old they moved to Rothville, Missouri. Then, settled in a cozy little place near Independence, Kansas. While there, her younger sister was born, Carrie. Later they moved to Minnesota, and then Iowa where her next sister Grace was born. Moving was very hard for the Ingalls family. Even though Laura was a very good student, it was hard for her to fit in in school. And, while in Kansas, Native Americans were made to leave their land. Laura was very scared of these people. For in that time, many natives would roam their lands that Americans also owned. Also, it was hard for Caroline Ingalls, Laura`s mother. She would always have a hard time moving. Even more so because of her being pregnant. In Minnesota just one year after her son Charles Jr. was born, he died. However, Laura overcame these challenges. She did so by meeting good friends, and being able to adventure in all the places she went. While moving, and on there breaks from the ride, she would ask if she could go run in the fields, or explore the world around them. Laura was very outdoorsy and very curious.

Other than moving, the Ingalls family lived a rugged pioneer life. Today, in the present, we get up, take a shower, eat some cereal, and go to school. In Laura`s time period, they would have to milk the cow, get the eggs from the chicken, and such. Their father, Charles Ingalls, would be away most of the time, either hunting, or in the village getting supplies. The rest of the family would miss him a lot. Back then it took much longer to get food. Today, we look in the fridge and find a milk carton, eggs, or almost any food we want. It was not like this for Laura. This was hard for her because, she would have rather not have had to do all these things. Laura climbed over this long, frightful, mountain of a challenge by looking at other people who had it worse than her.That might be the one thing we have in common today, with the people from back then. Many people try to not complain, thinking of others around us who might need more than us.

Finally, Laura had the chances to become a teacher. When Laura`s sister, Mary, was in her teens, she became blind. Laura felt like it was her duty to be Mary`s eyes. She would hold Mary`s hand whenever they would go out together. She would teach Mary what certain things felt like. To make her almost regain her sight, with feeling. This was challenging for Laura. To be Mary`s eyes, and to do all her other jobs. Also, since Mary could not read because of her being blind, she had to go to a blind school. Unfortunately, the family did not have enough money. But, a man came to their house one day, to ask Laura for a teaching job. They would be able to pay for the blind schooling! Laura had a very hard time teaching though. She was smart enough; but she would teach students older than her. They would underestimate her. She found a way to get over this though. Soon enough, a man by the name of Almanzo Wilder would ask to give her a ride home everyday. Falling in love, even though they were 10 years apart, they got married. Laura becoming Laura Ingalls Wilder. He helped Laura because, she finally had someone by her side to deal with all the things she had to. This made her feel like, with someone by her side, she could do anything.

In conclusion, Laura Ingalls Wilder had many challenges in her life, and while having grit, she overcame them. The challenges were, moving, having a rugged pioneer life, and teaching at a young age. Laura inspires so many today, even though she isn`t alive anymore. She inspires others that even though she was a women, and even though she was in her sixties. She did things that a twenty year old man could of done. All because she had grit and never gave up.