

On the Land

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Cornelius startled Isaac. The ox cart of the drawing was coming toward them. The boys tumbled into the hollow and pressed themselves against the embankment. [pp 3-4]

The only trees in sight were a thin twisting line just over a rise to the west.... Isaac looked right and left and straight ahead as if he could make the village appear that ought to be there, but all he could find were a few scattered structures on the horizon. [p 72]

Isaac slunk back as Father swung his scythe in low wide arcs....In the few days since they came, they had already made a bare circle at the lowest place in the slough, nearest the creek. [pp 87-88]

Father took hold of the handles and set the plow's single share firmly into the earth.... Isaac and Father and their beasts trudged across the field, pushing their way through sun and wind, weeds and stubble, leaving behind one more fourteen-inch furrow of dark brown earth. [pp 111-112]

Draw a line to match each word with the definition.

FURROW

Low hill

HOLLOW

Flat land

HORIZON

Low place in land that can become muddy or fill with water

PLAIN

A place in land that looks scooped out

RISE

Long narrow groove made when a plow turns over soil

SLOUGH
(pronounced slew)

Where land and sky seem to touch