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Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about the influenza pandemic of 1918?

Do you want to learn about how the United States recovered from the disease? Write down one or two questions that can guide you in your research. With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources about this topic that can help answer your questions.

Write a few sentences about how you did your research and what you learned from it.



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Why Do I Care?

Millions of people are still infected with the flu virus every year. How does knowing about the 1918 pandemic help you understand the flu today? Do you think an influenza pandemic could happen again? Why or why not? How could it be prevented? Use what you learned about the pandemic of 1918 from this book and what you know about the flu today to create your answer.



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Tell the Tale

Chapters One through Three in this book explain how the influenza virus traveled from Haskell County, Kansas, to Europe and back again. Write 200 words that explain the virus's journey. Describe who carried the virus, how it spread, and the methods of transportation used to get from place to place. Why did it spread so quickly? Be sure to set the scene, develop a sequence of events, and write a conclusion.



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Another View

There are many different sources about the influenza pandemic. Each source is a little bit different. Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find another source about the influenza pandemic of 1918. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar or different and why?