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1. **Life after death.** How does Ántonia change as a result of her father's death? How does Jim and Ántonia's relationship change? How does Jim see Ántonia now? How does she see herself? Does Mr. Shimerdas’ death actually help the family?

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1. **The coming of Spring.** How does the new season affect the fortunes of the Shimerdas family? Is their symbolism in the new season? Why are the changes in the natural world described in such detail?

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1. **Summer days.**Book 1 of My Ántonia closes with another change in season. What is the place of this new season in the story? How does it affect the lives of the characters?

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1. **Move to town.**Book II of My Ántonia begins with a shift in scene as Jim's family moves into the town of Black Hawk, Nebraska. How old is Jim now? What is his focus in town? What does Jim like about living in town? What does he miss about the country?

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1. **Ántonia comes to town.** Why does Grandma Burden ask the Harlings to hire Ántonia? Why does Mrs. Harling like Ántonia so much? How does this move change Ántonia's life?