



The Song of the Lark **Review Questions**

Questions:

- 1: What is the main character's name?
- 2: What is the name of the town where the novel is set? What town is it modeled after?
- 3: What was Peter Kronborg's occupation?
- 4: What was the name of the music teacher in town?
- 5: Whose life was insured for \$600, with Thea Kronborg as beneficiary?
- 6: What happened to the town's water supply?
- 7: What two locations does Thea move to in order to study music?
- 8: The Ottenburg ranch borders on what canyon? What is the unusual feature there that fascinated Thea?
- 9: Who does Thea Kronborg marry?
- 10: Why *does* Tillie Kronborg talk about \$1000 all the time?
- 11: By what name does Thea refer to Juan Tellemantez? What instrument does he play?
- 12: Name one of Thea's music teachers.
- 13: What was Fred Ottenburg's secret?
- 14: Her role as Elizabeth in what opera kept Thea from visiting her dying mother?

Answers:

1. Thea Kronborg
2. Moonstone, Colorado; Moonstone is modeled after Red Cloud, Nebraska, Willa Cather's hometown
3. He was a reverend.
4. Professor Wunsch
5. Ray Kennedy
6. A homeless man jumped in and drowned himself, poisoning the town's water
7. Chicago, and later Germany
8. Panther Canyon; ancient cliff dwellings of Native Americans
9. Fred Ottenburg
10. Because Thea Kronborg is paid \$1000 per night for performing
11. Spanish Johnny, who plays the mandolin
12. Professor Wunsch, Madison Bowers, Andor Harsanyi
13. He was already married and was estranged from his wife
14. Tannhauser