

## Author Study Literature Circle #1

1. With your group, choose a book to read.

Our book is: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Read the book together. Everyone needs to take a turn reading. Check for understanding after every page.
3. As you read, write down words you don't know or "salsa words" the author uses. Decide as a group what the words mean using context clues.

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4. After you finish reading, discuss the book. Did you like it? How did it make you feel?

5. What was the theme of your book?

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6. What other story have you read that this one is like?

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7. Tell your group about an experience you have had that this book reminds you of. Write it as a sentence or two.

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# Just Plain Fancy



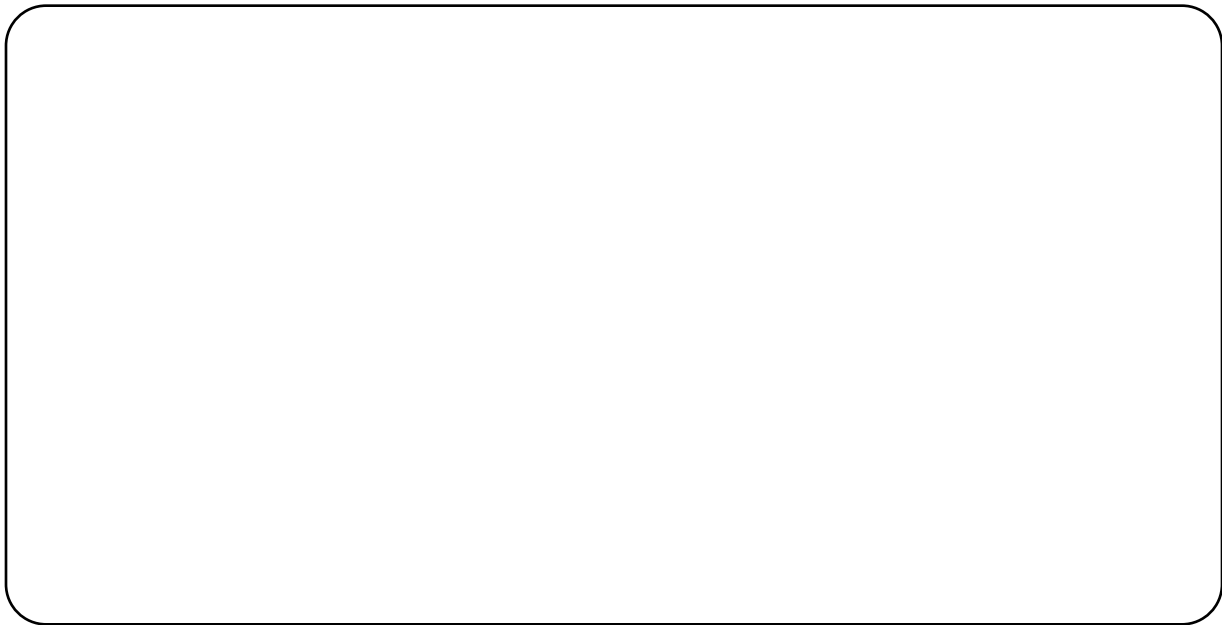
Fill in the chart with things that are similar and different about your life and the Amish.

	Amish	You	Amish and You
transportation			
clothing			
washing clothes			
home			
type of community			
frolic/party			

## Family Traditions

Patricia Polacco writes most of her books from her memories of her family and her life as a child. All families have traditions that have special meanings.

Illustrate a tradition in your family. Only use pencil, but color in the most important thing that your tradition is about (just like Patricia Polacco). Write a paragraph describing that tradition.



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