

## Glossary

**barbed wire:** strong wire with sharp barbs at intervals to discourage animals from trying to pass through it

**barrel:** a large container used to store gasoline on a farm

**bib overalls:** denim trousers with a bib and suspenders, used as work clothing

**chores:** the duties done twice a day to care for farm animals

**fencing:** fixing or erecting a fence on a farm

**gate:** an intentional break in a fence where the wire can be moved to allow the passage of a tractor or large animal and then closed again after the tractor or animal has passed through

**log chain:** a series of heavy steel rings linked together and used to pull logs and rocks behind a tractor

**manure:** animal or plant material used to fertilize land

**manure spreader:** also called a spreader; a machine used to carry and spread manure on the fields. In the story, Tommy uses an old manure spreader as a trailer to haul fencing materials.

**pincers:** a hand tool with sharp jaws, used for holding or cutting

**pliers:** a hand tool with notched jaws, used for gripping

**pocket watch:** a watch meant to be carried in a pocket

**post:** a length of wood fixed firmly upright in the ground to hold up wire for a fence

**post-hole digger:** a shovel with two handles, specially designed to dig holes for posts

**staple:** a U-shaped wire nail used to fasten wire to posts