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- 1. The story in the novel was cruel though / although / even though the narrator told it beautifully / in a beautiful way.
- 2. People's despair was described very well though / although / even though the narrator never said a word about it.
- 3. In fact / Actually, life in the country(side) concentrated / focused on protecting families.
- 4. People were always on the lookout ready to alert the others if something unexpected happened.
- 5. People supported each other and would do / used to do anything to save their neighbours.