The Prairie

Vocabulary:
Adaptation- make changes to better function in your environment
Bison- large mammal with shaggy brown hair, like a buffalo
Climate- average weather in a specific area
Ecosystem- the plants and animals that live together in a specific environment
Fertile- good soil for growing crops
Grassland- an area such as a meadow or a prairie covered in grasses
Habitat- the natural environment in which an animal lives
Restoration- to bring back something that was destroyed
Self-cleaning Steel plow- plow invented by John Deere to clear prairie grasses

Writing Topic:
How did humans affect the prairie before 1900?
How can you get involved to help restore the Illinois Prairie?

Reading:
Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Specific Standards:
3-LS2-1: Construct an argument that some animals form groups that help members survive.
3-LS4-3: Construct an argument with evidence that in a particular habitat some organisms can survive well, some survive less well, and some cannot survive at all
3-LS4-4: Make a claim about the merit of a solution to a problem caused when the environment changes and the types of plants and animals that live there may change:
SS.G.2.3: Compare how people modify and adapt to the environment and culture in our community to other places.
SS.H.2.3: Describe how significant people, events, and developments have shaped their own community and region