Advanced - Story 16

Class Objective- I am able to read and understand a story, learn new vocabulary and answer related questions.

Concept A:

STORY 1- The story of a wise woman

You may have read how Thomas Smith first farmed rice in South Carolina. After his death, a wise young woman lived in South Carolina. She showed the people how to farm another plant. Her name was Eliza Lucas.

The father of Miss Lucas did not live in South Carolina. He was governor of one of the islands of the West Indies. Miss Lucas was fond of trying new things. She often got seeds from her father which she planted in South Carolina.

Her father sent her some seeds of the indigo plant. She planted some of these in March, but a frost came.

The indigo plant cannot tolerate frost, and her plants all died.

Miss Lucas did not give up. She planted some more seeds in April. These grew very well until a cut-worm found them. The worm wished to try new things too. So he ate the indigo plants.

Miss Lucas was one of the people who tried and tried again. She had lost her indigo plants twice. Once more she planted some of the seeds. This time the plants grew very well.

Miss Lucas wrote to her father about it. He sent her a man who knew how to get the indigo out of the plant.

The man tried not to show Miss Lucas how to make the indigo. He did not want the people in South Carolina to learn how to make it. He was afraid his own people would not get so much money for their indigo if other people made it as well.

So he would not explain how it was done. He spoiled the indigo on purpose.

However, Miss Lucas watched him closely. She figured out how the indigo could be

made. Some of her father's land in South Carolina was now planted with the indigo plants.

Then Miss Lucas was married. She became Mrs. Pinckney. Her father gave her all the indigo growing on his land in South Carolina. It was all saved for seed. Some of

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