

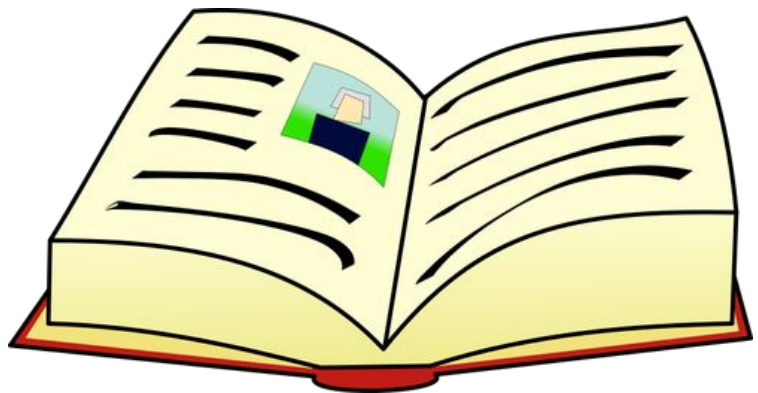


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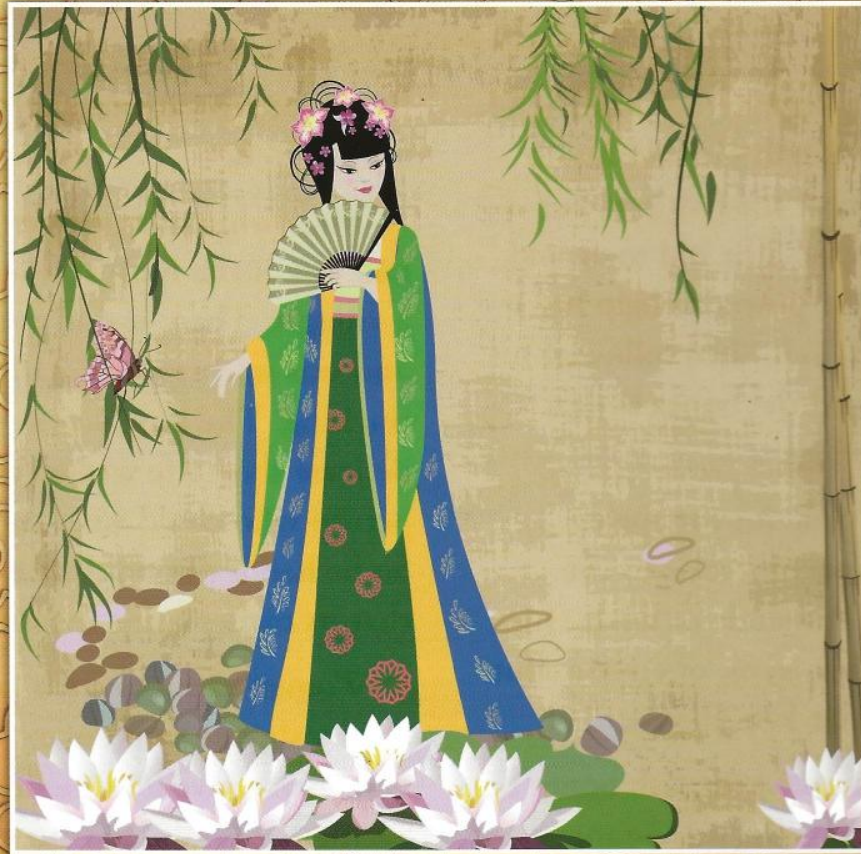
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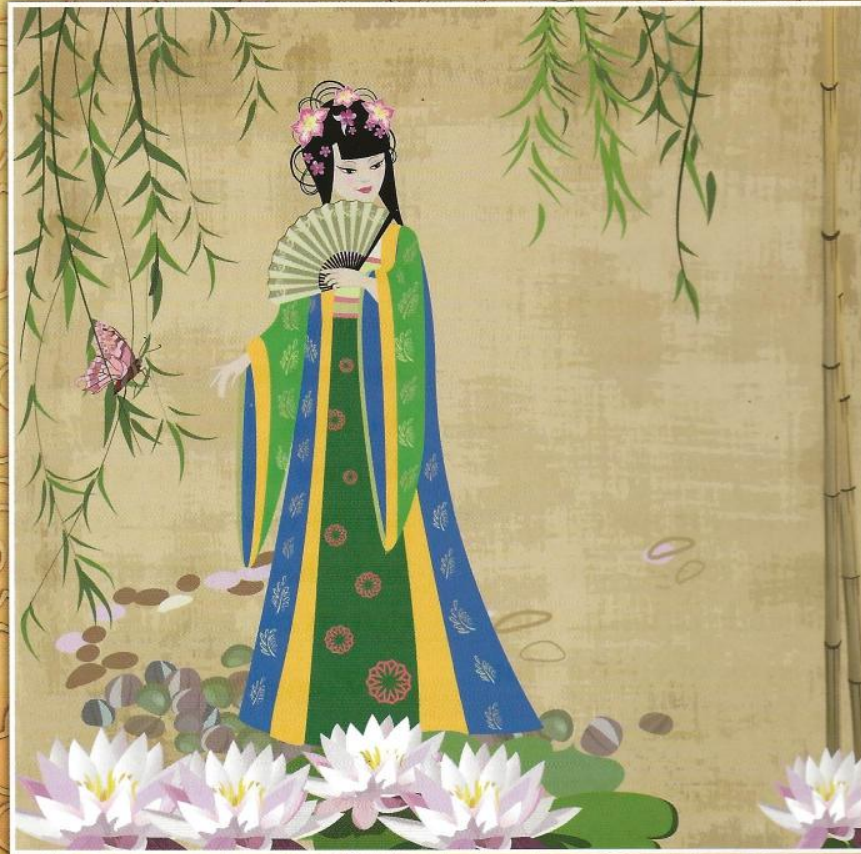
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Day 1- Get the Gist

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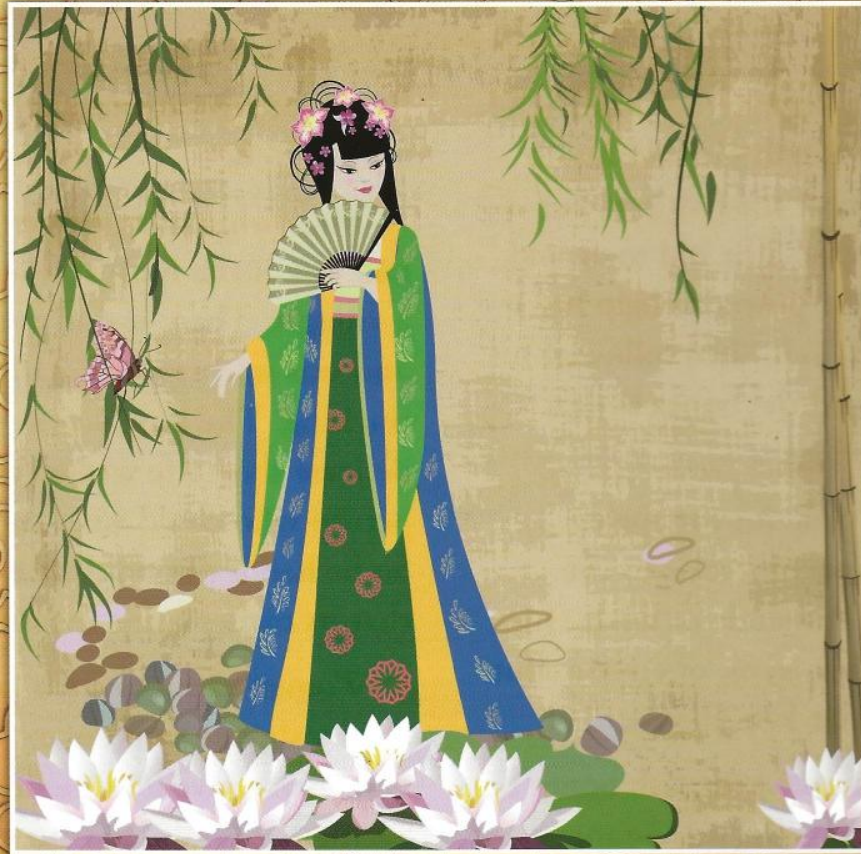
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Day 2: Key words from the text

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Day 3: Answering questions using details from the text.
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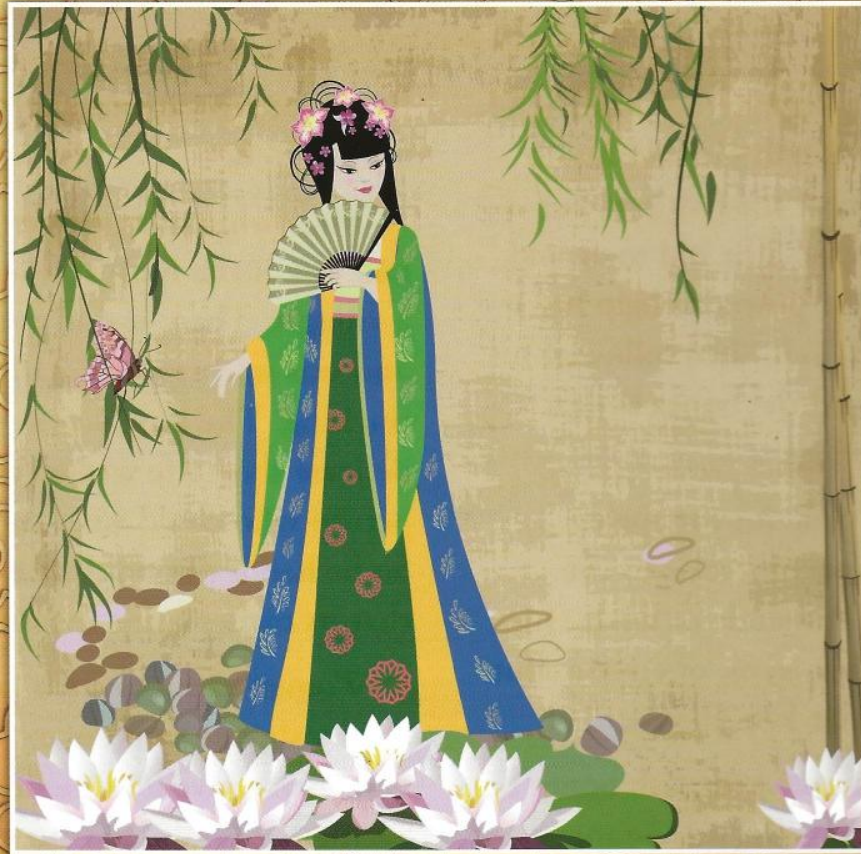
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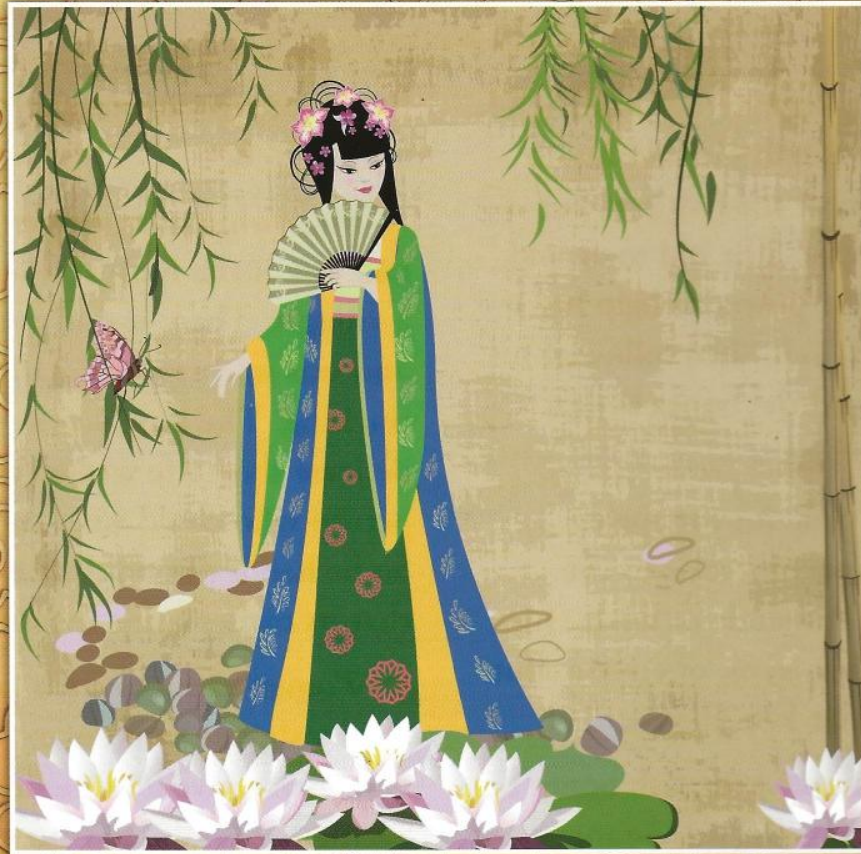
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Day 5: Summarizing

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Summary:
