

PRINCESS SEPTEMBER

-SOMERSET MAUGHAM





OBJECTIVES

- To make the students more nature friendly, freedom friendly(taking responsibility of their own), and music(natural)friendly.
- To make the students to familiar with the stories outside the country.
- To inculcate the habit of reading among the students.
- To illustrate the importance and meaning of freedom and its value in the life.
- To encourage the students to think critically
- To understand the importance of freedom and how it is linked to the development of the talents.
- To know the importance of music, value of freedom, beauty of nature that forms and shapes the character of a good human being.



NEW WORDS

Peculiar : strange

Siam : now Thailand

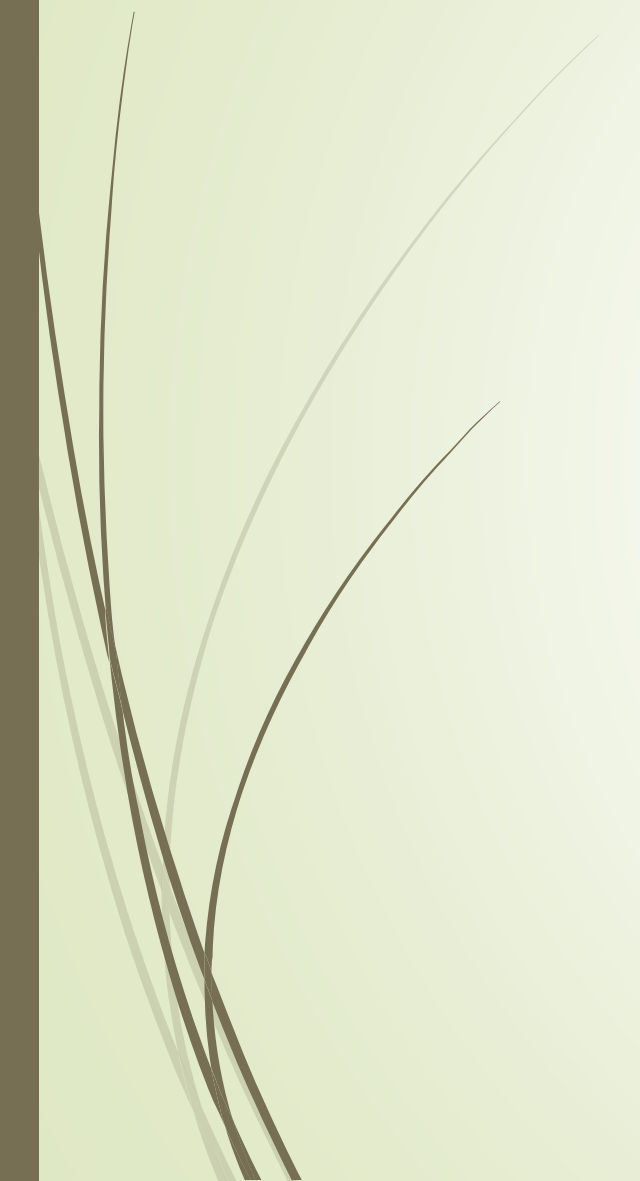
Handy : immediately available

Oriental : of the east

Burst into tears : wept bitterly

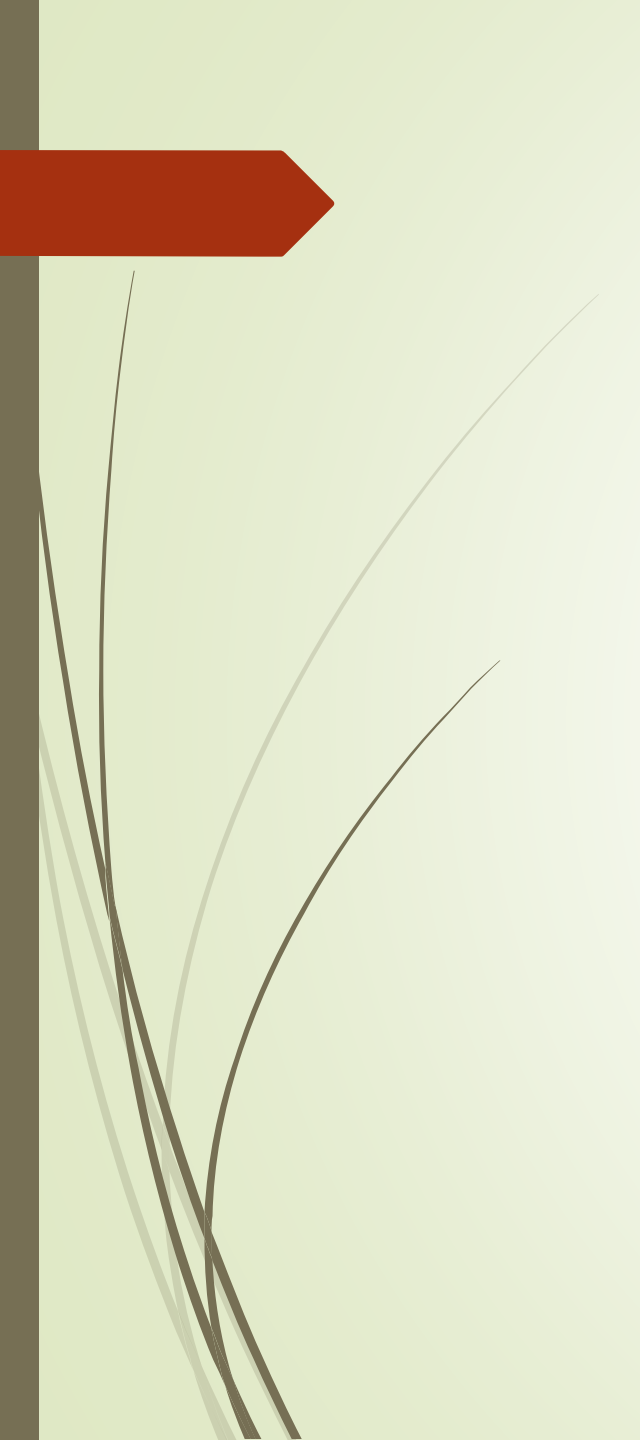
Supper : late evening meal

Glided : (here) swam(swim)



SUMMARY

Princess September is a story of a princess of Siam, now a day Siam is known as the Thailand. Princess father, the king of Siam had a strange idea about naming his children. When he had only two daughters, he named them Day and Night, when two more were added, he named them Spring, Autumn, Winter and Summer. Then three more daughters were born. He named them again by the days of the week. When the eighth daughter arrived he named them again by the months, and when the ninth daughter was born, he named the child by September. Thus, she was called the Princess September. She was the last daughter of the king of Siam and thereafter the Queen gave birth only baby boys.



The first eight daughters had bitter mood as their names were changed more than once. Also the king had another habit of giving birthday presents. On one birthday, he gave the present of green parrots in a beautiful golden cage to each of his daughters. When Princess September's parrot died and she wept bitterly. Then a tiny bird came to her and sang musical songs, she became very happy; but her sisters advised her to cage the bird into a golden cage, which has been gifted by her father. And when the bird was caged, it stopped singing, and did not eat food and drink very well. The little bird was suffocated into the golden cage. The bird wanted to freedom from this beautiful golden cage. Finally princess September made it free, and then she was married to King of Cambodia and lived a happy life with him.