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class 10 English - Supplementary

Unit 1 - The Tempest

Title	The Tempest
Playwright	William Shakespeare
Theme	Forgive enemies
Characters	Prospero, Miranda, Antonio, Gonzalo, King of Naples, Ferdinand, Ariel

* Antonio exiled Prospero and Miranda to an island.

* Prospero had magic power.

* Ariel was his chief spirit.

* Prospero learnt his enemies were sailing.

* So he raised a tempest to wreck their ship.

* Ariel helped him to do so.

* Ariel made them land apart and suffer.

* Miranda and Ferdinand fell in love.

* Antonio repented for his mistakes.

* Prospero forgave all.

Moral: Forgive and forget

Unit 2 - Zigzag

Title	Zigzag
Author	Asha Nehemiah
Theme	Chaos done by Zigzag.
Characters	Zigzag, Dr. Krishnan, Dr. Krishnan's wife, Arvind, Maya, Lakshmi, Dr. Somu, Visu, Zigzag.

* Zigzag was a bird.

* Dr. Somu gave it to Dr. Krishnan.

* It could speak 21 languages.

* It was very dull.

- * Arvind and Maya gave fruits and nuts.
- * It did not eat them.
- * It kept them on the fan blades.
- * Then it slept and started snoring.
- * The snoring was loud.
- * So the family members could not bear it.
- * Lakshmi switched on the fan.
- * Fruits fell on Mrs. Krishnan's painting.
- * It was spoiled.
- * So she became angry.
- * Dr. Krishnan took it to his clinic.
- * It behaved well there.
- * Mrs. Krishnan's painting was sold for Rs. 5000.
- * They decided to keep zigzag.

Moral: Humour makes our life happily.

Unit - 3 - The story of Mulan

Title	The story of Mulan
Theme	Patriotic spirit.
Characters	Mulan, her father, her brother, the Emperor, the soldiers, the doctor.

- * China was in war.
- * The Emperor issued an order.
- * One man from each family must join the army.
- * Mulan joined the army in disguise of a man.
- * Her victories led her to the post of General.
- * A bad brief ever swept through the army.
- * Many soldiers became sick.
- * Mulan also became sick.
- * The doctor came to know of her identity.

* The enemies attacked suddenly.

* Her plan made them win in the final war.

* She refused to be the royal adviser.

* She returned home with gifts.

Moral: Bravery is the quality of the soul.

Unit 4 - The Aged Mother

Title	The Aged Mother
Author	Matsuo Basho
Theme	Wisdom comes from the old people
Characters	Farmer, his mother and the cruel governor

* Shining was ruled by a cruel governor.

* He ordered to put all the old people to death.

* A poor farmer lived with his mother there.

* He loved his mother very much.

* So he carried his mother to the mountain top.

* On the way, his mother snapped twigs.

* She dropped them for his safe return.

* This act of her love moved him very much.

* So he carried her back home.

* He hid her under the kitchen floor.

* The governor ordered his people to make a rope of ashes.

* His mother gave him an idea.

* It helped him make the rope.

* He told his story to the governor.

* The governor felt the importance of the old people.

* Then he abolished the law.

Moral: Old is Gold.

Unit 5 - A Day in 2889 of an American Journalist

Title	A Day in 2889 of an American Journalist.
Author	Jules Verne
Theme	Technology will rule the world.
Characters	Francis Bennett, Edith, the aero-coachman

* The story is set in 2889.

* Francis Bennett was the Director of the Earth Herald newspaper.

* He spoke to his wife in France, through phonotelephoto.

* He went into his mechanized dressing room.

* It washed, shaved and dressed him.

* Then he went into reporter's room.

* They were passing the news with visuals.

* Advertisements were projected on clouds.

* He got his lunch through pneumatic tubes.

* After lunch, he travelled to Niagara by his aero-car.

* He went there to see his accumulator works.

* He came to know of his wife's return by tube.

* The day ended with mechanised bath.

Moral: The future world will be in the hands of technology.

Unit 6 - The Little Hero of Holland.

Title	The Little Hero of Holland.
Author	Mary Mapes Dodge
Theme	Love for the country.
Characters	Peter, his father, his mother, his blind friend, a man, villagers

* Peter was a little boy in Holland.

* The land in Holland lies below the sea level.

* Dikes protect it from the North Sea.

* One afternoon he took cakes to his blind friend.

* He stayed with him for a long time.

* It was evening.

* While returning, he heard a sound of trickling water.

* He understood the danger.

* He got down the dikes.

* He put his finger into the hole.

* He shouted for help.

* But no one came.

* So he spent the whole night there.

* It was very cold.

* His finger ached.

* Next morning a man saw him.

* He shouted for help.

* The villagers came and mended the hole.

* Thus Peter saved the country.

* He became the hero of Holland.

Moral : Love and Sacrifice makes a person
hero.

Title	A Dilemma
Author	Silas Weir Mitchell.
Theme	Covet all, lose all.
Characters	Tom, Uncle Philip, Susan, Prof. Clinch, Dr. Schaff, father confessor, collector.

* Tom's uncle was a bachelor. *

* He was also cunning. *

* He collected costly stones. *

* He called Tom when he was on his death bed.

* He declared him as his only heir.

* He gave him an iron box. *

* It contained precious stones, its key and a letter.

* He read the letter.

* It stated that the box would explode if he opened it.

* He consulted Prof. Clinch, Dr. Schaff, father confessor and the collector.

* But no one helped him. *

* Susan broke off her engagement and left him.

* Finally he gave the iron box to the society for the Preservation of Human vivisection.

Moral: Be content with what you have.