One Grain of Rice
A Mathematical Folktale
By Demi

Genre: Folktale

Focus Skill: Compare and Contrast  Focus Strategy: Make and Confirm Predictions

Directions: While reading the story “One Grain of Rice A Mathematical Folktale” by Demi, answer the questions with information from the text.

1.) Where does this story take place? (pg. 476)

2.) Why does the raja tell the rice farmers that they must give nearly all their rice to him? (pg. 476)

3.) When the rice grew well and the people gave nearly all of their rice to the raja, what happened? (pg. 476)
4.) What happens to the farmers during the famine?

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5.) What do the ministers ask the raja to allow them to do?

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6.) How does the raja justify taking all the farmers' rice?

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7.) Why does the servant lead the elephant to and from the royal storehouse?

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<td>8.) What does Rani plan to do with the rice she catches in her skirt?</td>
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<td>9.) Why does Rani ask for only one grain of rice as a reward?</td>
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<td>10.) In the beginning, what does the raja think about Rani?</td>
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<td>11.) Why does the raja keep his promise to Rani to the end?</td>
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<td>12.) At the end, what does the raja promise that shows he is truly wise and fair?</td>
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13.) Why doesn't the raja open the royal storehouse to his hungry people?
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14.) Rani asks for the rice to be doubled each day for 30 days. What does she mean?
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