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Our class will read **Madam C.J. Walker: Self-Made Millionaire**

Biography

Unit 3 Lesson 4

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Our class will read "Madam C.J. Walker: Self-Made Millionaire." This selection follows the life of Madam C.J. Walker, an African-American businesswoman who became the first female millionaire in the United States. She made her money operating beauty salons and selling hair care products. Her businesses succeeded during the early 1900s, when very few women or African Americans owned their own businesses.

Madam Walker created many jobs for African-American women. She built a business center that included a movie theatre where people of any heritage could sit together. She also donated money to schools, hospitals, and other good causes.

People who earn millions of dollars can buy big houses and fancy cars. They can give expensive presents to their friends. They can also help people they don't know, like Madam Walker did. Some wealthy people donate millions of dollars to try to make the world a better place.

After your child has finished reading "Madam C.J. Walker," you may want to ask him or her to think about what kinds of things he or she would do with millions of dollars from a successful business. What would he or she try to change in your community? What would he or she try to change in the country or the world?

Selection Vocabulary

Your child will be studying the following vocabulary words in the upcoming weeks. Please review the meanings of these words with your child

- factory** -a building or group of buildings where things are made;
- hire** -to give a job to, to employ; **hired** -past tense of hire
- manage** - to direct or control **managed**: past tense of manage;:
- secretary** - a person whose job is to help with letter writing, keep records, make appointments, and other tasks
- millionaire** -a person who has money or property worth a million or more dollars;
- charge** -to ask a price, **charged**- past tense of charge;
- sue** - to start a case against in a court of law; **sued** -past tense of sue:
- wealth** - riches.

Spelling Words

Your child will be studying the following spelling words in the upcoming weeks. Please review the spellings of these words with your child:

better	royal	less	spoil
most	moist	voice	oyster
coin	best	joy	more
point	cowboy	least	