

## **VIRGINIA ALICE'S FOUNDING OF THE COLLEGE-Madlib Style**

This activity can be completed by yourself or with your classmates.

Use the following prompts to fill in the story of how Virginia Alice founded Cottey College.

Don't peek or read the story before the full story is done. Just fill in the prompts.

Once you have filled in each prompt, read the story straight through.

We hope you have fun re-writing and reading the new comical version of our college's founder.

### **Writing Prompts:**

1. Faulty piece of clothing
2. Farm chore
3. Farm chore
4. Type of software or website
5. Old-fashion school supply
6. Old-fashion school supply
7. Personal care item
8. Type of men's clothing
9. Type of men's clothing
10. Type of hobby that is safe
11. Type of hobby that is safe
12. Type of hobby that is dangerous
13. Name of mountain or volcano
14. Item needed for above dangerous hobby
15. Fast food restaurant
16. Number between 90-99
17. Word to describe your favorite pair of earrings
18. Something you have on a top shelf in your pantry
19. Number between 1-50

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Alice didn't let rules, limits or \_\_\_\_\_ (1. faulty piece of clothing) stop her. In the 1840s, there weren't a lot of educational opportunities for Alice and other young women. Sure, you could learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ (2. farm chore), or \_\_\_\_\_ (3. farm chore) but would you ever get to learn how to use \_\_\_\_\_ (4. type of software or website)? Yeah, I didn't think so...mostly because computers weren't invented yet... but let's continue...

While her parents tried to give her every chance at an education. They bought her the best \_\_\_\_\_ (5. old fashion school supply), the finest \_\_\_\_\_ (6. old fashion school supply) and they even got her \_\_\_\_\_ (7. a personal care item)..but that was because \_\_\_\_\_ (7. same personal care item) were buy one get one free at the local General store

Out of her studies Alice grew to love teaching and became committed to the idea that women should have equal opportunities. For instance, Alice thought women should have the same access to \_\_\_\_\_ (8. type of clothes men wear), \_\_\_\_\_ (9. type of clothes men wear) and also education. Ok, Alice didn't really care that much about (8. & 9. Clothes from above) \_\_\_\_\_, but education on the other hand. She knew she wanted women to be able to have access to quality education.

At first Alice wondered, what do women need to learn? As a young woman she wanted to learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ (10. type of safe hobby), \_\_\_\_\_ ( 11. type of safe hobby) and how to \_\_\_\_\_ (12. dangerous hobby). So she drew up the plans for a \_\_\_\_\_ (12. dangerous hobby) school on top of \_\_\_\_\_ (13. name of a high mountain or volcano). But, realizing that she was afraid of heights, she decided to develop an academic focused school. And with no more than \$3,000 in savings in cash, minus the money she spent on \_\_\_\_\_ (14. name of item needed for above dangerous hobby), she went looking for partners in Nevada, Mo.

The town mayor, hearing of Alice's talents in the area of \_\_\_\_\_ (10. safe hobby from above) and \_\_\_\_\_ (11. safe hobby from above) and knowledge of men's \_\_\_\_\_ (8. type of men's clothing from above), was confused. Luckily, however, Alice convinced the community that her true passion was bringing education to women. So the town took a building that was going to be made into a \_\_\_\_\_ (15. fast food restaurant)...someday...when cars were invented... and instead let Alice start her college in what is now known as Main Hall, the first and oldest building at Cottey College.

In 1926, her school had been thriving for 42 years, and had served more than \_\_\_\_\_ (16. number between 90-99) Billion customers. *Nope, that is McDonalds.* But Cottey was going pretty well too. Although Cottey College was a " \_\_\_\_\_ " (17. way to describe your favorite pair of earrings) school, Alice believed she could achieve more. She wondered if joining forces with the PEO Sisterhood would help her reach her goals, her aspirations, or maybe at the very least, her \_\_\_\_\_ (18. Something you have on a top shelf in your pantry).

And you know what...it did! Standing on the shoulders of \_\_\_\_\_ (19. number between 1-50) great women in chapter DW did end up taking Alice to new heights. I know, it was close to a world record at the time. Ok, that isn't true! But what is true is that Alice had strongly established Cottey College; a place where women are taught to overcome any challenge, barrier or \_\_\_\_\_ (1. clothing problem from first paragraph).