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## History of Family & Consumer Sciences

- ♥ Family and Consumer Sciences is a field of study more than 100 years old
- ♥ FCS was originally called Home Economics
- ♥ The goal of Home Economics was to improve the quality of family life and the home
- ♥ As time passed, the goal shifted to become focused consumer-oriented
- ♥ Overall, the theme of the field has always been the application of scientific principles to the management of the household
- ♥ Benjamin Thompson
  - Conducted research related to household problems
- ♥ Catherine Beecher
  - Initiated Home Economics movement
- ♥ Melvil Dewey
  - Pioneer in creating career opportunities for women
- ♥ Annie Dewey
  - Instrumental in getting Home Economics into higher education
- ♥ Lake Placid Conferences
  - New York, 1899
  - Defined standards
  - Established foundation for Home Economics
- ♥ Home Economics
  - The study of the laws, conditions, principles, and ideas which are concerned on one hand with man's immediate physical environment and on the other hand with his nature as a social being and with the study specifically of the relations between these two factors
- ♥ Ellen Richards
  - Considered the founder of Home Economics

- Concerned with using science to improve home life
- Championed Boston's first School lunch program
- Worked to improve: air, water, and food quality, sanitary practices, test for contaminants, and energy conservation

#### ♥ History of FCS

- 1945
  - ✓ Future Homemakers of America was founded
- 1993
  - ✓ Name changed to Family and Consumer Sciences
- 1999
  - ✓ Future Homemakers of America name changed to Family Career, and Community Leaders of America

#### ♥ Betty Lamp

- Adopted as the symbol of Home Economics
- Considered the heart of the home
- A symbol of learning

#### ♥ Why should we study Family & Consumer Sciences?

#### ♥ How can Family & Consumer Sciences overlap other classes?

#### ♥ What can you learn in Family & Consumer Sciences that you may not learn at home?

