

December 8 (1787)

Mission La Purisima Concepcion was founded near Lompoc (Santa Barbara County). An earthquake damaged the original mission in 1812, so it was re-built four miles northeast of the town. Although a lot of the mission fell into ruin over the years, many buildings have been restored or rebuilt since it became a State Historical Monument. It is intended to be the mission that represents all of the missions, so plants from all 20 others have been brought here.

*Literature Connection:*

Behrens, June. (2007). *Central Coast Missions in California* (Exploring California

Missions). Lerner Publications. (I/M)

Winckler, Suzanne. (2002). *Planting the Seed: A Guide to Gardening*.

Lerner

Publishing Group. (I/M)

*Language Connection:* Heirloom or heritage seeds are ones that have not been changed over the years. They refer to any seeds that come from plants that were grown historically, but have not been used in modern agriculture on a large scale.

Complete the investigating plants web hunt found at

<http://www.swlauriersb.qc.ca/english/edservices/pedresources/webquest/plants.htm>. If you do the observation activity, try to use heirloom varieties.