A Penguin Named Patience

BOOK SUMMARY: On August 25, 2005, the New Orleans’s Audubon Aquarium of the Americas was severely damaged during Hurricane Katrina. Many of the animals, including Patience along with her fellow South African penguins, were in danger and needed to be relocated. This is the story of how they were relocated and rejoined with their penguin keeper named Tom.

BOOK TALK: During Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the animals living in the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas in New Orleans were in terrible danger. There was no electricity because of the storm; and the temperatures in the aquarium were rising to danger levels. What was going to happen to the animals, including 19 South African penguins? This is this true story of a penguin named Patience.

CHALLENGING WORDS:
- menace
- nervous
- Monterey Bay
- relieved
- quarantined
- contagious
- restored
- waddled
- hurricane

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
1. Why do you think Tom, the penguin keeper gave Patience her name?
2. Why did the penguins need to be relocated?
3. How long did it take for the Audubon Aquarium to be repaired?
4. What happened when the penguins returned to the Audubon Aquarium?
5. Why didn’t Patience eat the sardines that Tom offered her?
6. Do you think Patience enjoyed her new home in Monterey Bay? Why or why not?
Story Sequencing - A Penguin named Patience

Write what happened in the story at the beginning, middle, and end.

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