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K. Faltin, Erskine, AB

It is a relief to have a resource that fits with the curriculum and is teacher-friendly (ready to hand out). The added bonus of having the answers to the questions and discussion notes makes my life just a little bit easier.

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Literacy Focus
Reading Strategy Review

Good readers...
... make connections. As they read, they think about what the text reminds them of. This thinking or reminding is called connecting.

... ask questions before, during and after they read. Sometimes, the answers to these questions can be found right in the story. Sometimes, the answer has to come from you.

... visualize. As they read, they make pictures or movies in their head. These pictures or movies are called **visualizing**.

... determine importance. They fill in, in their heads, what is most important about what information they need to remember and what information they can ignore.

... transfer their thinking. They add their background knowledge, their experience, and their thinking to what they are reading to come up with a new way to think about something.

Lost Viking Settlement?

It's a thousand-year-old mystery. Where did the Vikings land in North America? When they started hunting for Greenland, they told stories of a land called "Vinland." A land with grapes. Where, exactly, was Vinland? One Canadian archaeologist thinks she has figured it out!

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Sunscreen by the Squirt

Douglas Wright was just under 30 when he died. David Goodfield was 34, and the father of a baby. Both men had promising lives ahead of them. But they died of melanoma. It's a form of skin cancer.

Melanoma?
Melanoma is the most common type of cancer in Canada. Melanoma is a deadly form of skin cancer. It can spread to other parts of the body.

Sunscreen dispenser?
The dispenser is a small, portable dispenser that can be used in many places. It's a good idea to have one with you when you're outdoors.

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Answer Key

Viking Exploration

Canada's Great Trail

It started with a dream. The dream was to build a trail across Canada. From coast to coast, and up north, too. The longest trail in the world! It would connect all Canadians. It would encourage them to explore more of this amazing country.

Bold project
Work on the Great Trail started in 1992. It was a community effort. Volunteers built trails and bridges near where they lived. Others donated money.

Wait a moment...
Not everyone was excited. Some said that the Trail might be connected, but it wasn't finished. It wasn't the foot path across Canada that some people had dreamed about. Not yet.

For instance, the original dream was for a non-motorized trail. It would be for hiking, biking, horseback riding, and cross-country skiing only. But in the end, parts of the trail were opened up to recreational vehicles such as ATVs and snowmobiles.

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