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Sample Pages

**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 a movie 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 of thinking about something.

**Lost Viking Settlement?**

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

**Figuring out Vinland**  
The Vikings had a strong sense of direction. They knew how to find their way across the ocean. But they also needed the help of their animals. The best way to find Vinland was to follow the herd of reindeer. "Vinland" was a place where the reindeer lived.

**Flinding Vinland**  
The Vikings did not have a map. They had to find their way across the ocean. They used their animals to help them. The reindeer were their best friends. They followed the herd of reindeer to find Vinland.

**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 skin cancer in Canada. Melanoma is a deadly form of skin cancer. It can spread to other parts of the body. It can even be fatal.

**Sunscreen Dispersant?**  
The sunscreen industry is a multi-billion dollar industry. It's a multi-billion dollar industry. It's a multi-billion dollar industry. It's a multi-billion dollar industry.

**The Canadian Reader**  
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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