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K. Faltin, Erskine, AB

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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 a movie in their head. These pictures or movies are called **visualizing**.

... make inferences. They fill in, in their heads, what is not written or shown on the page. Picking in one kind of inference.

... determine importance. They pick out and sort information in their heads, making decisions 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 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!

Exploring new lands
The Vikings had a dream. Some sailors and Vikings had sailed to Greenland. But they wanted there to be more and more land. It was the job of Erik and Leif Erikson to set foot in North America.

They told stories. Some of these stories were eventually written down in Norse sagas. Archaeologist Brigitte Walcott has used these sagas and other clues. It was her job to figure out where the Vikings had their second camp, "Vinland."

It was a dream. The Vikings had a dream. They wanted to explore more of the world. They wanted to find a place where they could grow grapes. The map shows the possible routes, Vinland, and the location of Greenland.

Sunscreen by the Squirt

Douglas Wright was just under 30 when he died. David Goodford 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?
Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in Canada. Melanoma is a deadliest form. It can be deadly for many people.

Skin cancer is caused by too much exposure to the sun. That's why it's so important to protect your skin. That's why you should use sunscreen. That's why you should wear a hat. That's why you should wear sunglasses. That's why you should avoid the sun during the hottest part of the day.

They got to go to see someone about skin cancer in Canada. Melanoma is a deadliest form. It can be deadly for many people.

The melanoma was spreading. The melanoma was spreading to Douglas's brain. It was spreading to David's brain. It was spreading to Douglas's lungs. It was spreading to David's lungs. It was spreading to Douglas's liver. It was spreading to David's liver. It was spreading to Douglas's kidneys. It was spreading to David's kidneys. It was spreading to Douglas's pancreas. It was spreading to David's pancreas. It was spreading to Douglas's stomach. It was spreading to David's stomach. It was spreading to Douglas's intestines. It was spreading to David's intestines. It was spreading to Douglas's bladder. It was spreading to David's bladder. It was spreading to Douglas's prostate. It was spreading to David's prostate. It was spreading to Douglas's testicles. It was spreading to David's testicles. It was spreading to Douglas's ovaries. It was spreading to David's ovaries. It was spreading to Douglas's uterus. It was spreading to David's uterus. It was spreading to Douglas's vagina. It was spreading to David's vagina. It was spreading to Douglas's cervix. It was spreading to David's cervix. It was spreading to Douglas's uterus. It was spreading to David's uterus. It was spreading to Douglas's ovaries. It was spreading to David's ovaries. It was spreading to Douglas's testicles. It was spreading to David's testicles.

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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.

The organizers hoped the Trail would be completed by 2000. It wasn't. But in 2017 – Canada's 150th birthday – the Great Trail was finally connected from coast to coast. It linked 15,000 communities along 24,000 kilometers. Celebrations were held across Canada to mark this milestone.

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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