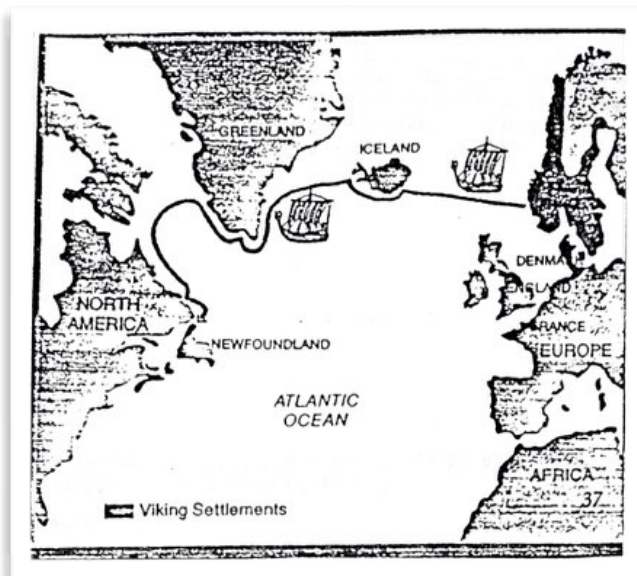


## Reading Micro-skills.

### I. ANTICIPATION/PREDICTION.

Study the illustration below. What do you think the text is about? i.e.



### II.

Viking ships coming! Just to hear these words struck terror into the heart. Beginning about 1200 years ago, and continuing for more than 250 years, the Vikings swept out of the north into richer parts of Europe. Everyone feared the fierce sea raiders.

5 The ships of the Vikings were small and swift. They could sail inland on rivers or cross wide oceans. Viking warriors attacked towns and cities everywhere. They carried away gold and other treasure. Often they burned settlements after seizing everything of value. When the robbing and killing were over, they sailed home with  
10 their riches.

At first, the Vikings robbed and destroyed everywhere. But when they went back to settlements to steal again, the people often had nothing valuable left. The Vikings finally found that they would be better off using their ships for commerce. Through the years, they  
15 changed from raiders to traders.

Their trade routes took them as far south as North Africa. Rivers led them deep into Europe. The map on this page shows some of the places where Vikings traveled and settled. Areas of Britain and France became parts of Viking kingdoms. Settlers from the northlands  
20 moved there. York, England, served as one trading center. It became a busy city with thousands of people.

Some Vikings went east. They founded cities along rivers in what later became Russia. Other sailed west, far into the Atlantic Ocean.

25 At that time, most Europeans believed horrible monsters lurked at the edge of the earth, waiting to gobble up people who came too close. But the fearless Vikings sailed beyond the horizon and discovered Iceland and Greenland.

Some went even farther and landed on the continent of North America. A Viking sea captain named Leif Ericsson probably was the first European to land in the New World. Five hundred years before Columbus, Ericsson spent the winter at a place he called Vinland. Most experts think it was somewhere in what is now Newfoundland.  
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About a century later, Viking ships returned to America carrying  
35 160 settlers. They founded a small colony in Vinland. There, a boy named Snorri Karlsefni was born. He was the first child born to European colonists in the Americas.

40 Archaeologists have discovered the remains of the Viking settlement where Snorri may have been born. Outlines of houses are still there. The archaeologists have found such things as a metal pin and a tool for spinning yarn.

45 Most Viking history was in the form of stories told by word of mouth. One such story told of Snorri and his family living for a while in a land west of Greenland. So when archaeologists found the village in Newfoundland, they not only learned that the Vikings had sailed to America long before Columbus, they also discovered that some of the old stories were based on truth.

REALATING THE TEXT TO ITS CONTEXT.

i.e.

Read the text and decide where it is from.

- A. a travel guide
- B. a history book
- C. a magazine

### III. SKIMMING.

(Only one skimming exercise should be done with each text. There are examples of 4 different types).

#### III.1 TRUE-FALSE STATEMENTS

i.e.

Read the text and answer the questions below.

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| a. The Vikings lived about 2000 years ago.      | T | F |
| b. The ships of the Vikings were big and heavy. | T | F |
| c. The Vikings sailed in rivers and in oceans.  | T | F |
| d. The Vikings reached America.                 | T | F |
- etc.

#### III.2 AUXILIARY QUESTIONS.

i.e.

Read the text and answer the questions below.

- |   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| a. Were the Vikings warriors?                 | Yes | No |
| b. Did the Vikings use their ships for trade? | Yes | No |
| c. Did the Vikings travel east?               | Yes | No |
| d. Did Lief Ericsson land in America?         | Yes | No |
- etc.

#### III.3 MULTIPLE CHOICE

i.e.

Read the text and answer the questions below.

- a. The Vikings were
  - ☐ warriors
  - ☐ farmers
  - ☐ artists
- b. They travelled to
  - ☐ Europe only
  - ☐ different continents
  - ☐ the New World only

- c. The Vikings settled
- ☐ in Africa
  - ☐ in Russia
  - ☐ in America

etc.

### III.4 MATCHING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

i.e.

Match the following questions and answers.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| a. How long did the vikings raid the world?                            | _____ York                                      |
| b. Which was one of their trading centres in England?                  | _____ Yes, they did.                            |
| c. Did the Vikings travel to America more than once?                   | _____ A metal pin and a tool for spinning yarn. |
| d. What have archeologists found in the Viking settlements in America? | _____ About 250 years.                          |
- etc.

### IV. SCANNING.

i.e.

Read the text again and answer the questions below.

- a. When did the Vikings begin raiding Europe?

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- b. What countries did the Vikings travel to?

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- c. Who lived at the edge of the world according to the Europeans of that time?

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- d. Where was Vinland situated?

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etc.

### V. INFERENCE

i.e.

Answer the following questions.

- a. When did the Vikings first teavel to the New World? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. When did the Vikings return to America? \_\_\_\_\_

## VI. COHESION- (TEXTUAL REFERENCE)

i.e.

Not repeating the subject again and again

Answer the following questions.

- a. What does "they" in line 5 refer to?
  - ☐ the Vikings
  - ☐ the Europeans
- b. What does "their" in line 16 refer to?
  - ☐ the North Africans'
  - ☐ the Vikings'
- c. What does "he" in line 32 refer to?
  - ☐ Columbus
  - ☐ Ericsson

etc.

## VII. DEDUCTION.

i.e.

Answer the following sentences.

Type I.

- a. What does "settlements" in line 8 mean?
  - ☐ a place where people live
  - ☐ a place where people work only
- b. What does "raiders" in line 15 mean?
  - ☐ people who ride horses
  - ☐ people who destroy and kill

etc.

Type II.

- a. What does "trading center" in line 20 mean?

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- b. What does "lurked" in line 25 mean?

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etc.

## VIII. COHERENCE.

i.e.

Put the following sentences in the order they appear in the text.

- a. Later on they became traders and settlers
- b. They got to America before Columbus.
- c. Archaeologists have discovered Viking ruins in the New World.
- d. The Vikings terrorized Europe for many years.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ etc.