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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**.

... determine importance. They pick out the most important information in their books, 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 started hunting for Greenland, they told stories of a land with grapes. Where, exactly, was Vinland? One Canadian archaeologist thinks she has figured it out!

**Exploring new lands**  
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**Sunscreen by the Squirt**

Douglas Wright was just under 30 when he died. David Confield 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 spread to other parts of the body.

**It's caused by too much exposure to the sun.**  
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**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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