

Unit 6

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The Search for the Northwest Passage Questions

Before Reading

Preview the selection on pages 132 and 133 of *Literacy in Action* by reading the title, headings, and captions, and by looking at the images.

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What is this selection mainly about?

2. What is the purpose of the selection?

3. What do you already know that might help you read and think about this selection?

4. How do you know that information?

During Reading

Remember that the main or key ideas can be found in the first or last sentence of a selection or implied throughout.

Use the **crack the code** strategies to solve unfamiliar words as you read.

1. **After the opening paragraph:** What caused the explorers to head northwest by sea?

2. **After *A Tough Job*, the first paragraph:** Why was the search so difficult?

3. **After *A Tough Job*, the second paragraph:** What is important in this paragraph?

4. **After *The Second Wave*, first paragraph:** What does the title *The Second Wave* mean?

5. **At the end:** Why was the search for the Northwest Passage an important exploration?