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When previewing an informational text,
check for THIEVES!

Title

1. What does the title make me think the text will be about?
2. What might be the central message the author is trying to communicate?
3. What do I already know about this subject?

Headings

1. How has the author divided the content of this text into smaller pieces?
2. What are these smaller topics?
3. Based on these topics, what do I think I will read about in each section?

Introduction

1. What does the introduction do to make me curious about this subject?

Every First Sentence

1. What additional details can I gather about the content of the text in each section?

Visuals &
Vocabulary

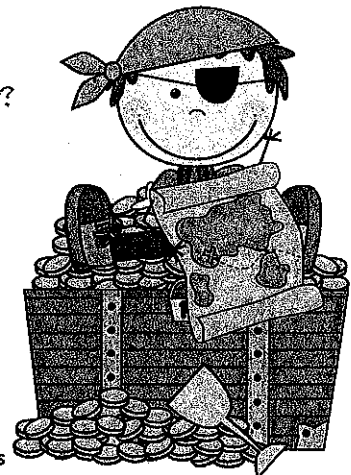
1. What do the text features (captions, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc) tell me about the content of the article?
2. Are there words in boldface type or italics that I need to pay special attention to as I preview the text?
3. What do they mean?

End of text

1. How does the author wrap up the writing?
2. What will I be asked to answer?

Summarize thinking

1. If I think about all the information I have gathered, what do I predict I will be reading about?
2. What do I think the author's central ideas will be in this text?



Name _____

In the spaces below record your thinking using the
THIEVES mnemonic chart



Title: _____

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