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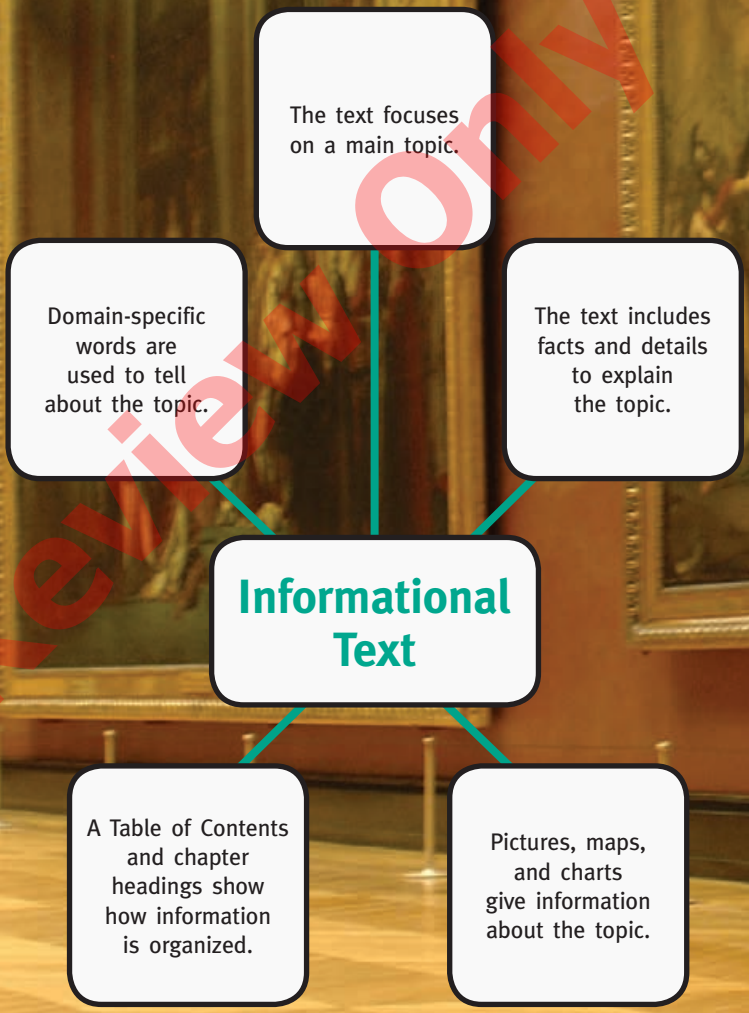
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CHAPTER 1

Why Do Painters Paint?

Thousands of years ago, painters painted with their hands. They painted to tell a story.

▼ Cave paintings tell stories.



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Painters covered the walls of caves. These cave paintings tell stories of hunters and animals. The paintings show us how people lived many years ago.





◀ Cave paintings were found in Argentina.

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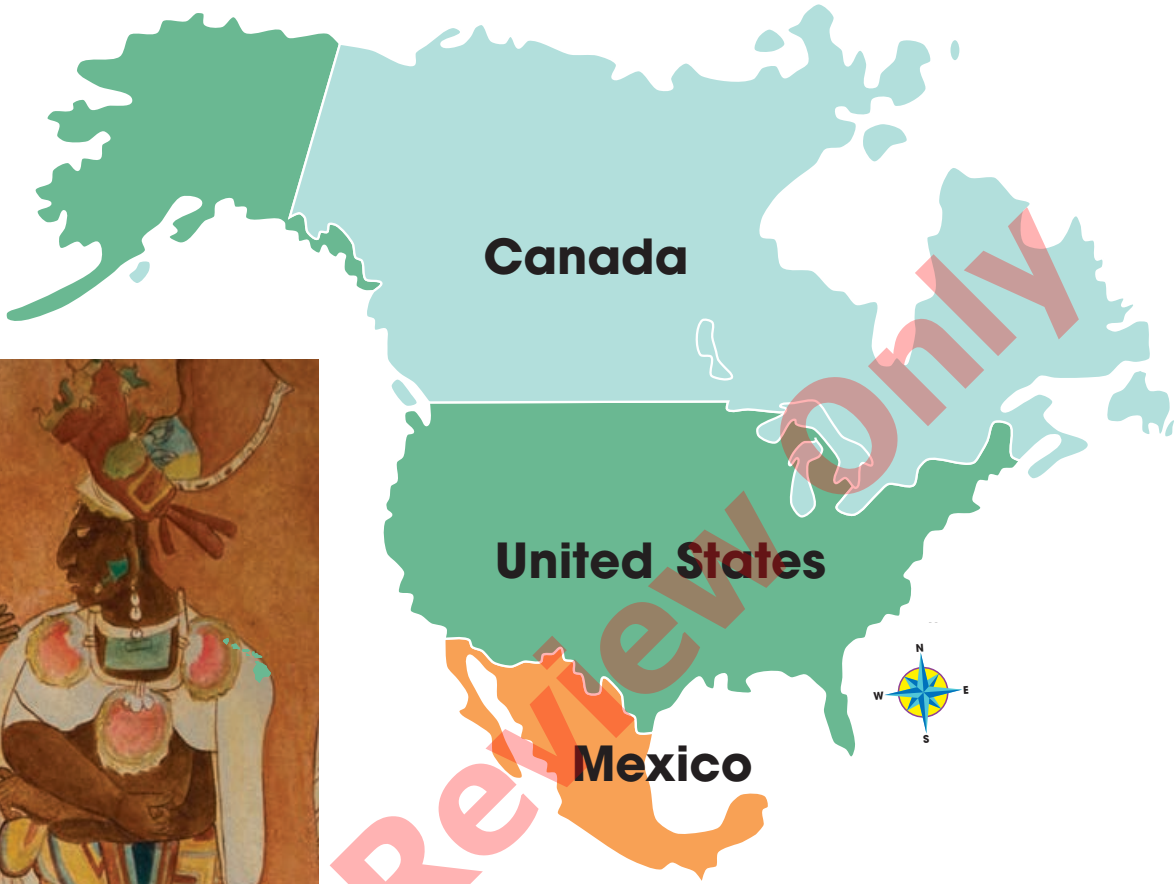
Painters tell us about the customs of their time. Many of them painted scenes of everyday life.

▼ **This Mayan painting shows their colorful dress.**



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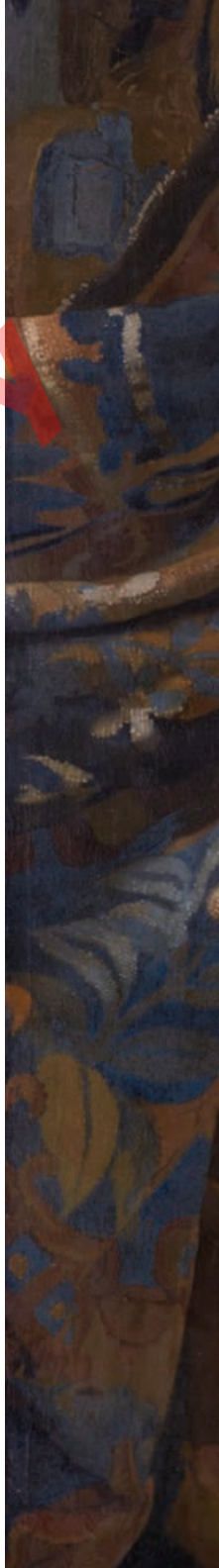


▲ Mayan paintings have been found in Mexico.

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As years passed, painters began to paint on canvas. They even made their own paints and brushes.

The painters continued to tell the stories of people and the clothes they wore.



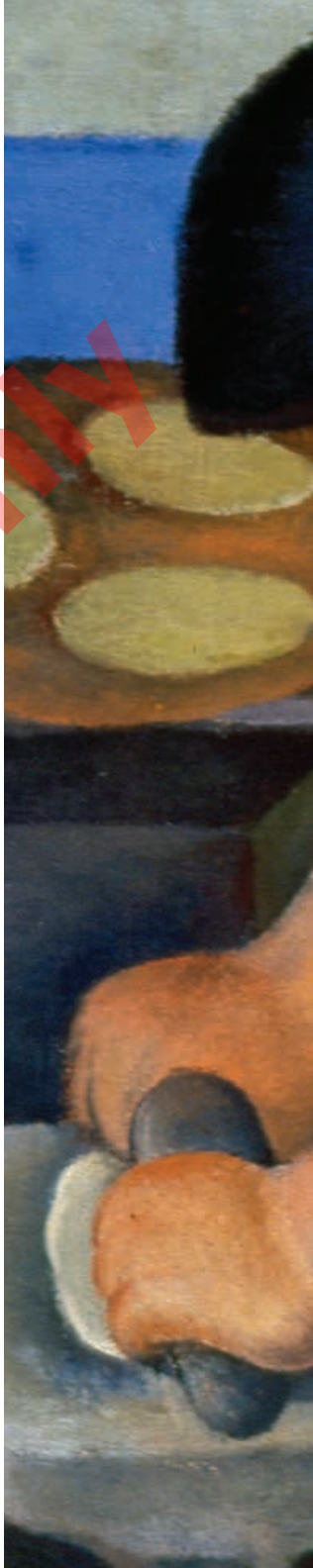
A painter painting on canvas. ▶

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Some painters, like Diego Rivera, painted ordinary people. We can see working people in his paintings. We see them doing their jobs.



This painting, *The Grinder*, is by Diego Rivera. ▶

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