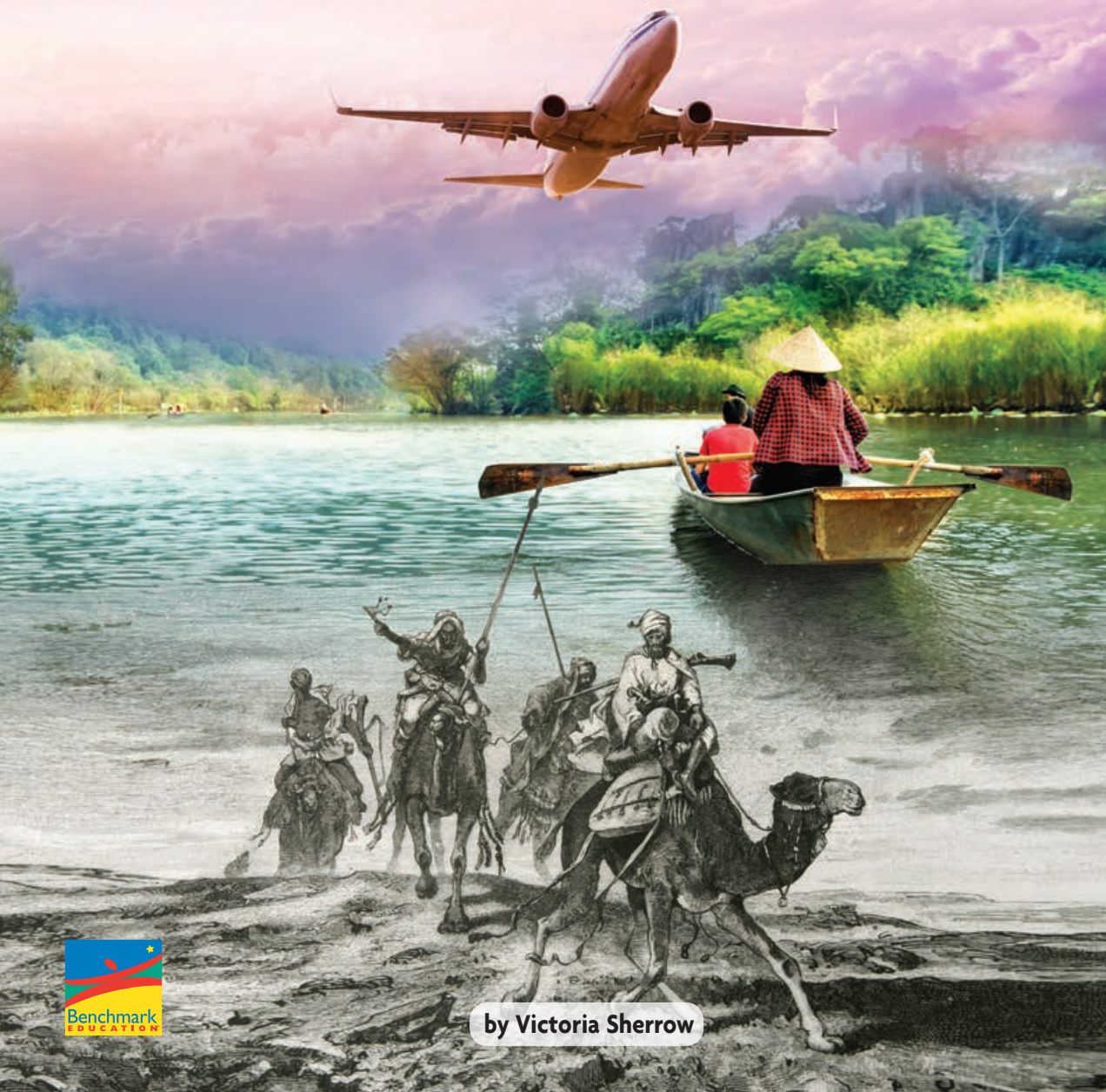


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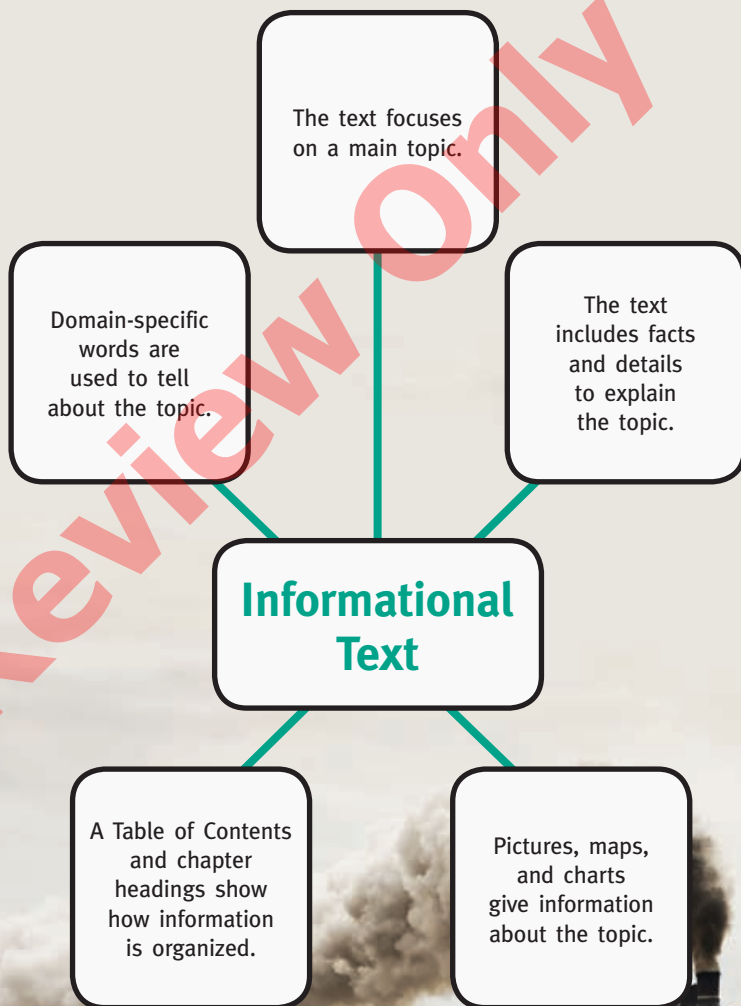
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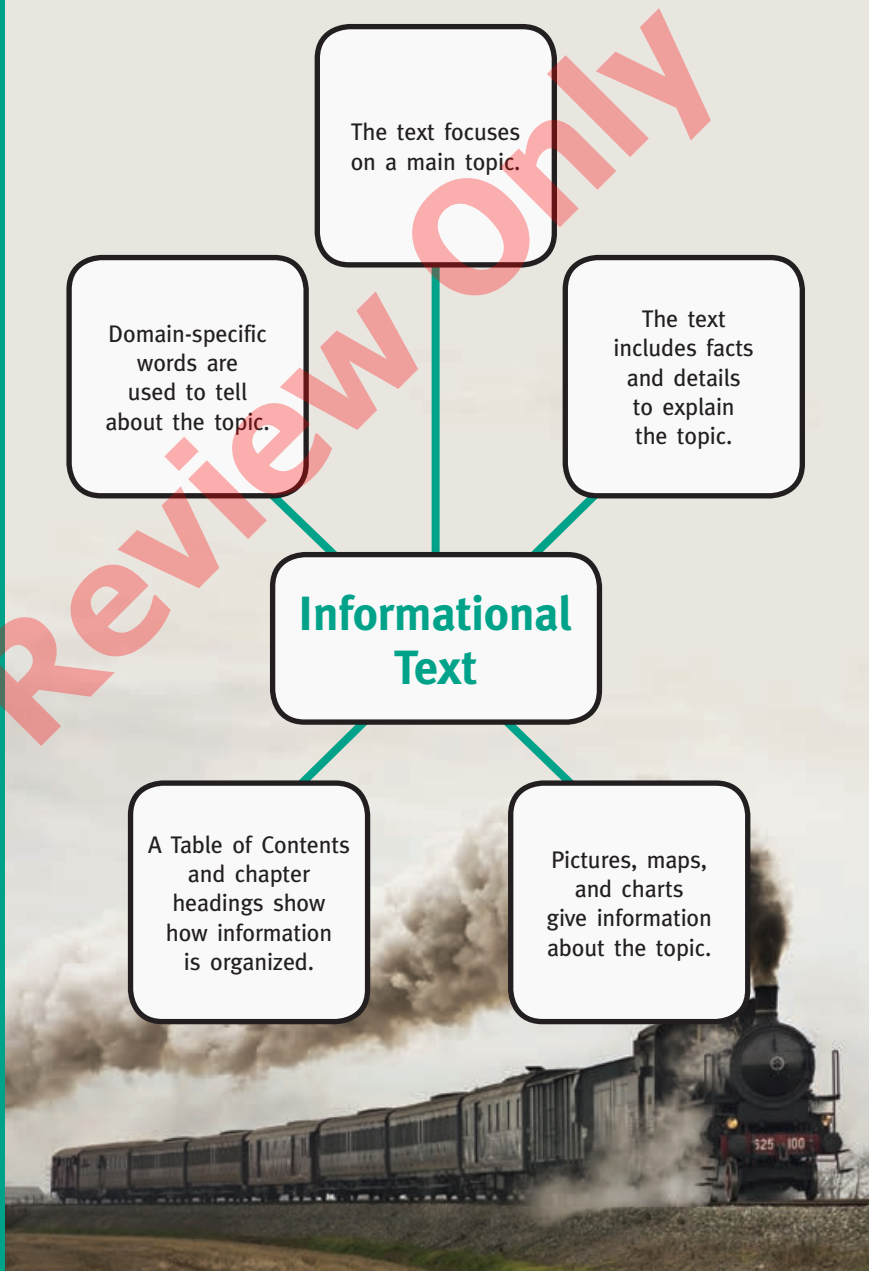
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Walk, Roll, Float

Early Land Travel

Thousands of years ago, getting places took a long time. There were no cars. There were no trains or planes. People walked to places near and far.



Animals helped people travel. Some people rode on donkeys or camels. Others rode on animals such as elephants. Animals carried people and their things.

▼ **Camels helped people travel on sand.**



The invention of the wheel made travel easier. People built carts and wagons from wood. Animals pulled the carts and wagons.



Early Water Travel

People also went places by water. They made rafts from logs. They made boats from wood. They sometimes used animal skins to cover the wood. Paddles and oars were used to move boats.



Some people went to places far away in big ships. Wind pushed the sails. The sails moved the ships. But storms could sink sailing ships.



Steam Travel

Over time, inventions made travel faster. About 200 years ago, steamships were invented. Hot steam from water made the ships move. They did not need wind like ships with sails. People could travel around the world by ship.



Steam that made boats move was also used to power trains. Steam moved special parts of the train. Those parts turned the wheels. People could now travel across America on trains.



Difficult Travel

Early roads helped people move on land. But these roads were bumpy. They were hard to travel on. Many places had no roads at all.

