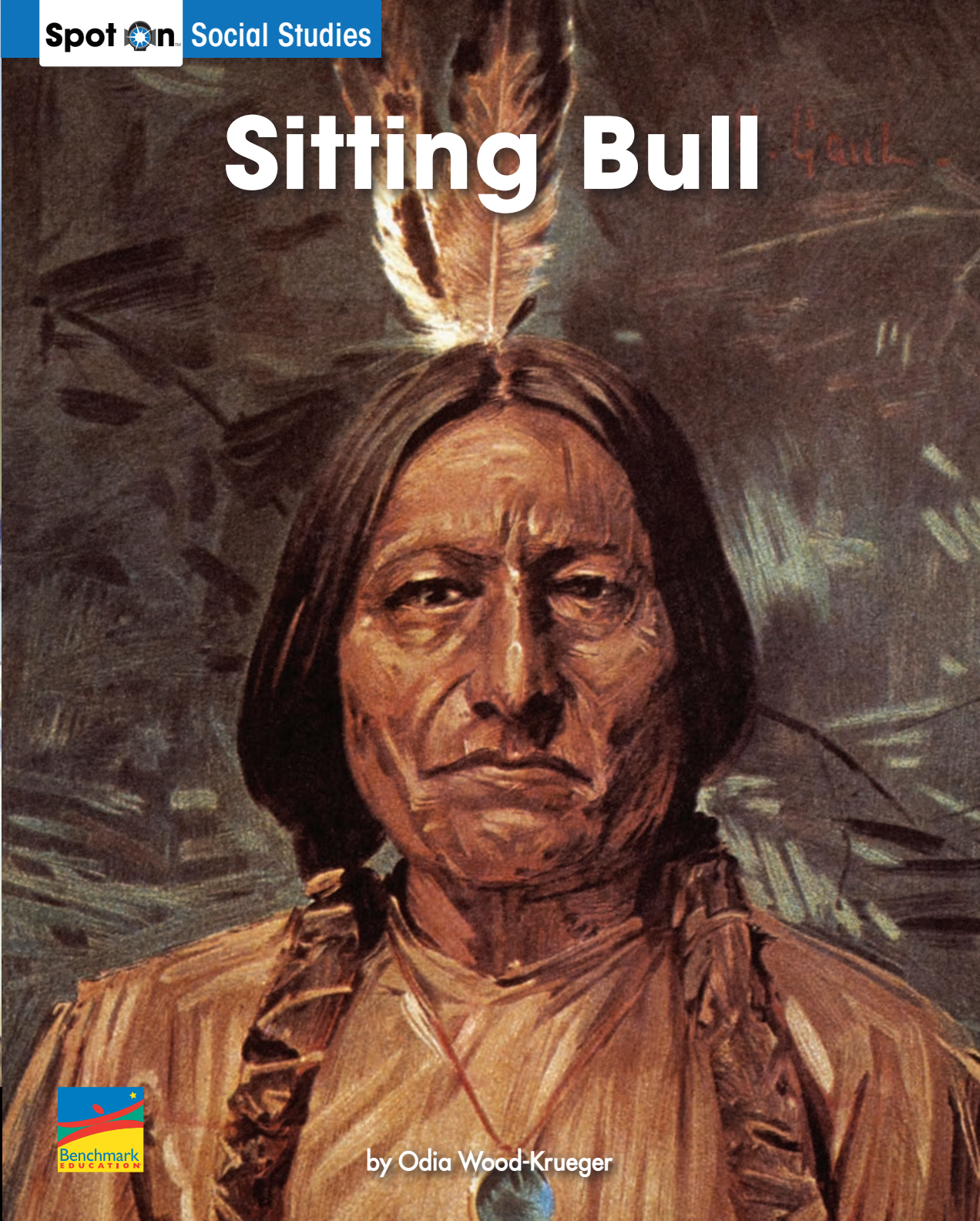
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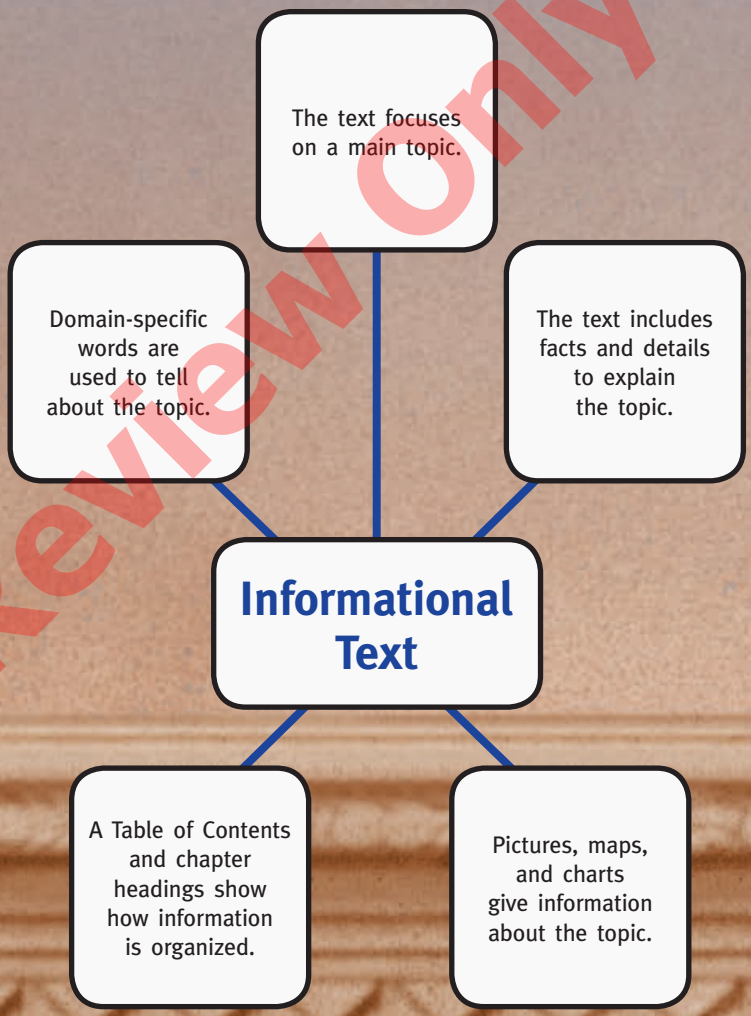
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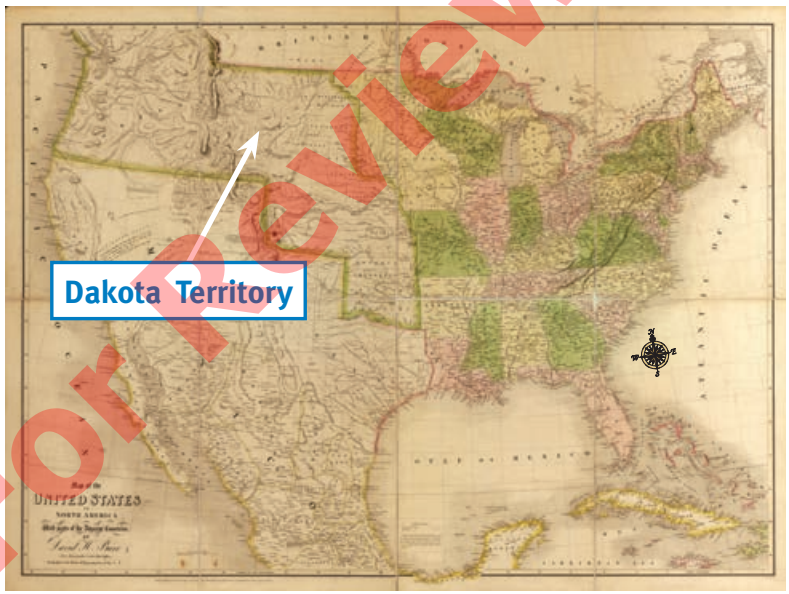
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CHAPTER 1

Sitting Bull

Sitting Bull was a Lakota warrior and leader born in 1831. He was called Jumping Badger. Growing up, he showed how brave he was, and was given one of his father's names. They called him Tȟatȟáŋka Íyotake, which describes a buffalo sitting on its back legs.



▲ **Sitting Bull was born in the Dakota Territory of the United States.**

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Sitting Bull was from the Hunkpapa Lakota **Nation**. There are seven nations that make up the Lakota Council Fires. Members of these nations were nomads. A nomad is a person who moves from place to place rather than living in one place.

▼ **The Lakota people were nomads.**



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Since they moved often to follow game, or for seasonal purposes, the Lakota people didn't build houses. They lived in tipis. Tipis are cone-shaped tents that are made from many long poles and covered with buffalo hide.

▼ **Tipis were open at the top, so smoke from the cooking fires could escape.**



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The Lakota rode horses to hunt. They used dogs to pull sleds. They defended themselves using bows and arrows, spears, and shields. After the arrival of Europeans, the Lakota had access to guns through trade with the colonists.



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CHAPTER 2

Young Sitting Bull

Sitting Bull started to ride horses and hunt when he was very young. He hunted his first buffalo when he was ten years old. Sitting Bull's father gave him a shield and a spear as a gift.

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Did You Know?

The buffalo was very important to the Lakota people. They ate buffalo meat, made clothing and blankets from buffalo hides, and made glue from their hooves. Native Americans did not waste any part of the buffalo.



Sitting Bull and the children in the tribe did not go to school. Their parents, elders, and community members taught them what they needed to know to survive.

▼ a Lakota shield and spear



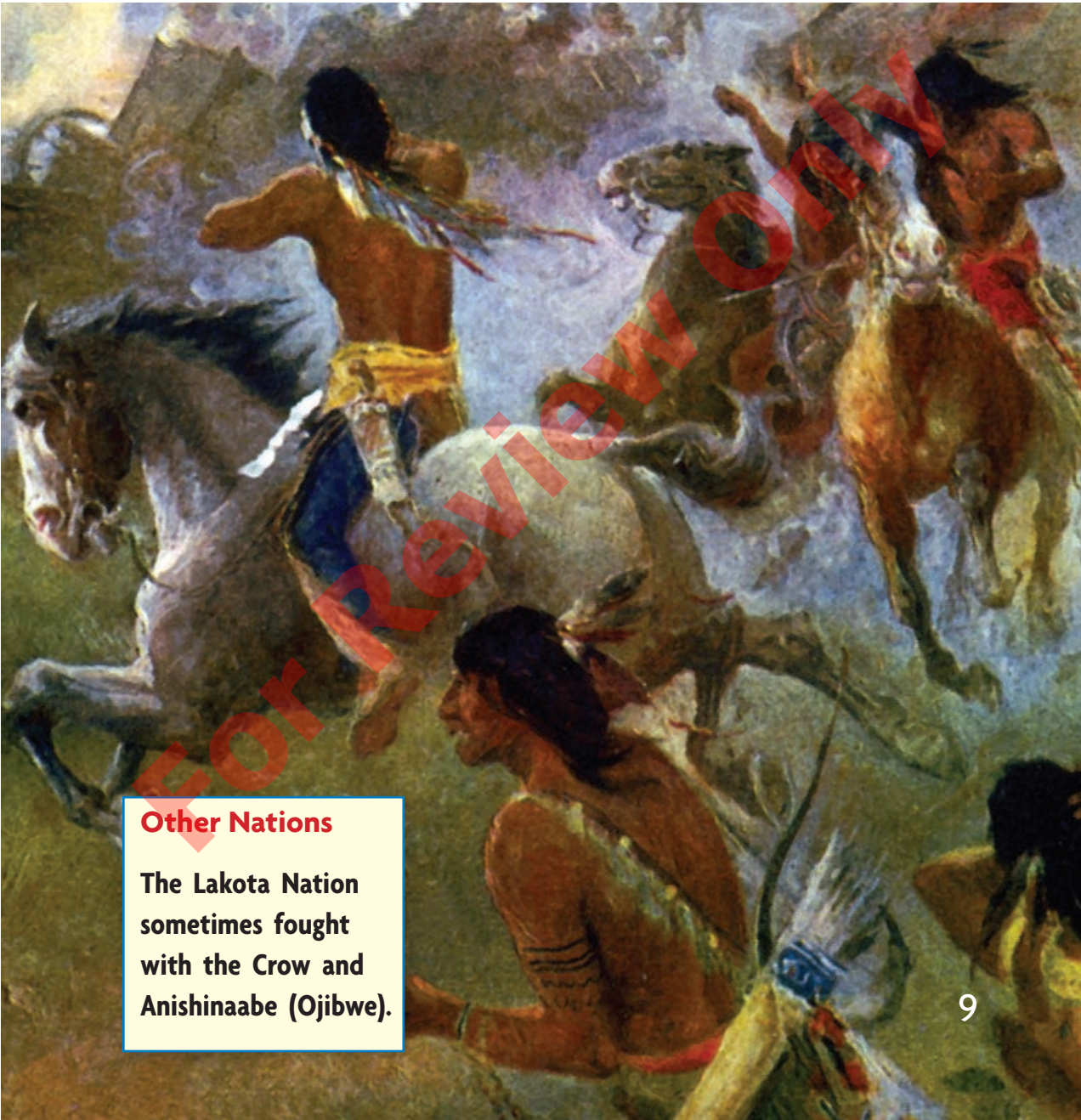
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The Lakota people had to defend their lands. Once, when Sitting Bull was fifteen, members of the Crow Nation tried to take their lands. Sitting Bull joined the men in his nation to force the other nations to leave.

Sitting Bull injured his foot in the fight. He limped for the rest of his life, but was not resentful. Later on, he saved an Assiniboine boy's life and adopted him. The boy, Hohay, was devoted to Sitting Bull. Sitting Bull asked permission to look after him. He took care of the boy as if they were brothers.

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▼ **Sometimes tribes fought each other to get horses. Horses were the most valuable things a tribe could have.**



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Other Nations

The Lakota Nation sometimes fought with the Crow and Anishinaabe (Ojibwe).