

THEN AND NOW TRANSPORTATION THEN AND NOW



Ideas for Parents and Teachers

Pogo Books let children practice reading informational text while introducing them to nonfiction features such as headings, labels, sidebars, maps, and diagrams, as well as a table of contents, glossary, and index.

Carefully leveled text with a strong photo match offers early fluent readers the support they need to succeed.

Before Reading

- “Walk” through the book and point out the various nonfiction features. Ask the student what purpose each feature serves.
- Look at the glossary together. Read and discuss the words.

Read the Book

- Have the child read the book independently.
- Invite him or her to list questions that arise from reading.

After Reading

- Discuss the child’s questions. Talk about how he or she might find answers to those questions.
- Prompt the child to think more. Ask: How many forms of transportation can you think of? What kinds do you use every day?

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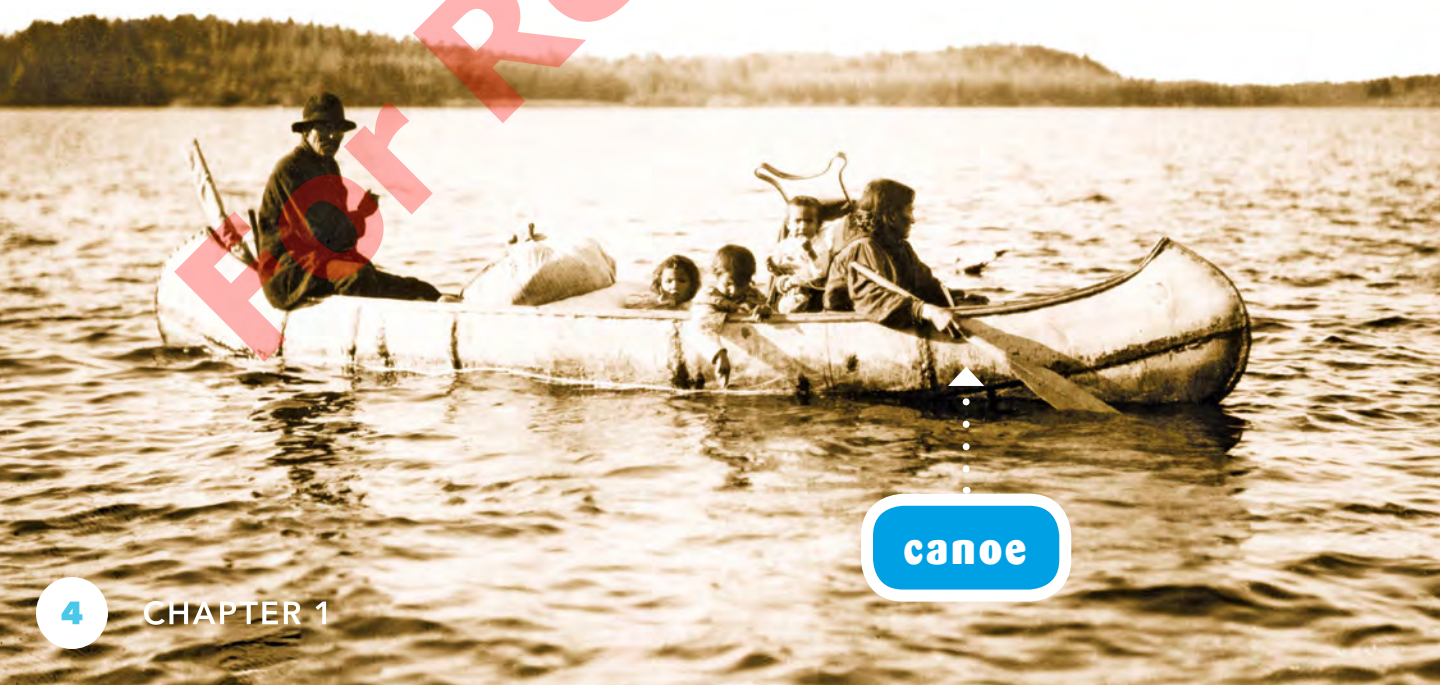
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CHAPTER 1

BY FOOT AND WATER

What do buses, boats, and planes have in common? They are forms of **transportation**. Long ago, most people traveled by foot. Many Native American tribes lived near rivers. They traveled by canoe.



canoe



ferry

Today, we travel by land, water, or air. How do you get around?

**covered
wagon**



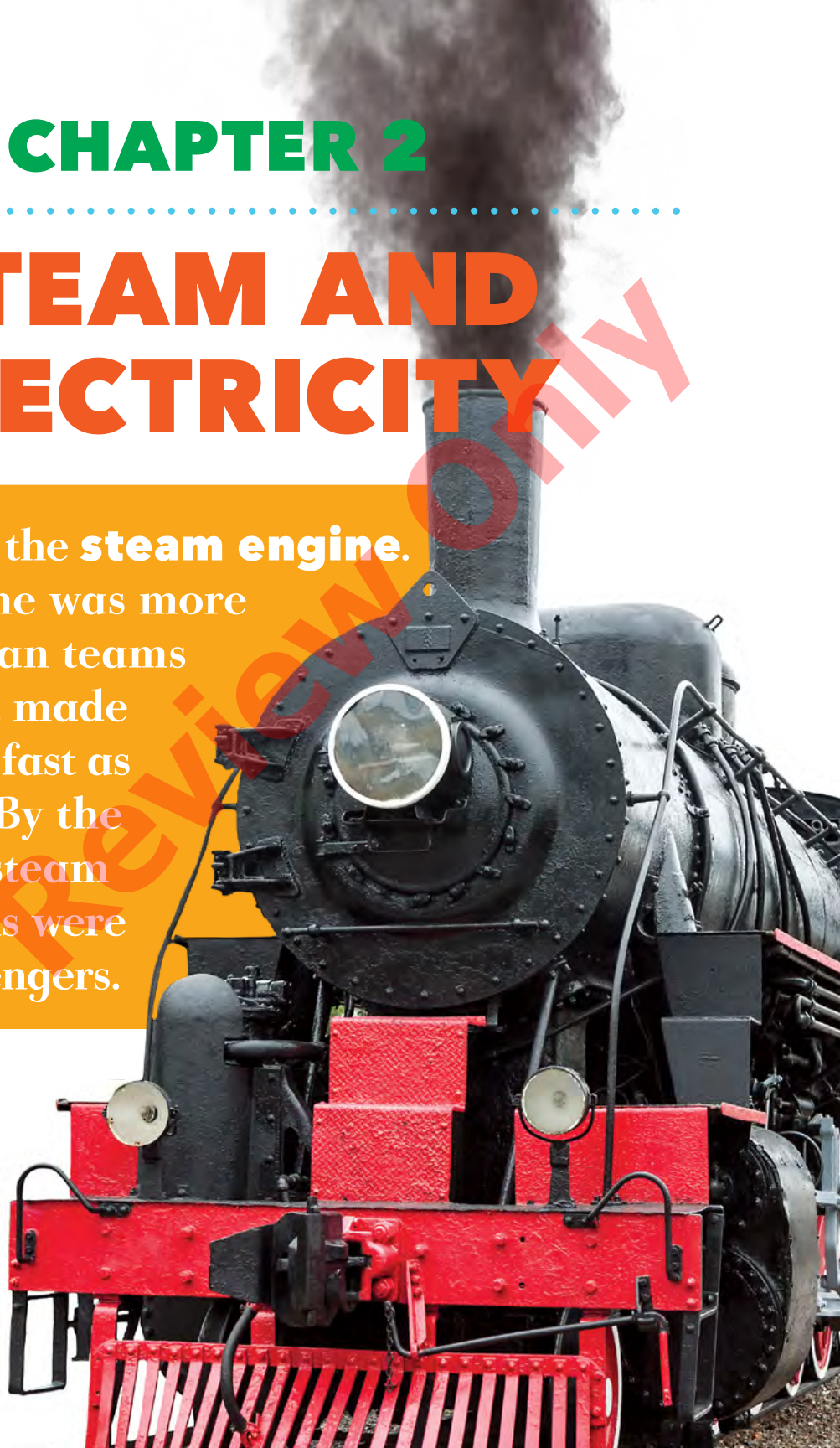
In the 1800s, settlers headed west. Horses or oxen pulled covered wagons. The ride was bumpy. Wheels often got stuck. One trip could take months. These old forms of transportation were slow.



CHAPTER 2

STEAM AND ELECTRICITY

Along came the **steam engine**. This machine was more powerful than teams of horses. It made trains go as fast as cars today. By the mid-1800s, **steam engine** trains were full of passengers.



Today, maglev trains use super strong magnets. They float above the tracks. And travel at amazing speeds.



maglev train

ACTIVITIES & TOOLS

TRY THIS!

PLAN A ROUTE

Find a place that is far away and hard to get to. Imagine you are going there. What modes of transportation would you use? Make a map to show your route.

What You Need:

- world and local maps
- paper
- pens or markers

- 1 Look on a map and find a faraway place that sounds exciting to you. It could be an island in the middle of the ocean, a mountaintop, or a desert.
- 2 Make a list of all the forms of transportation you would use to get there. Start with walking out your door. Then what? Will you walk or drive to the airport, train station, or bus stop? Then what? Will your trip include a ship or ferry? What about a snowmobile, a jeep, a camel, or a helicopter? Be creative!
- 3 Draw a map of your route from your door to the place. Label your route with all the different forms of transportation you will use. For extra fun, draw pictures to go along with your labels.