

Galleons

Galleons were large sailing ships.



Galleons carried things
from country to country.



They carried gold
and other treasures.

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Introduction

The Importance of Reading Nonfiction Texts

We live in a world in which we are surrounded by text that is written to convey specific information. Knowing how to read, comprehend, and respond to this informational text is a critical part of achieving and maintaining success in both school and society. Informational text is what helps us better understand the natural and social world. This is why it is so important to expose students to a wide variety of informational texts. Reading and enjoying informational text can—and should—begin at an early age, when children are fascinated by their surroundings and eager to learn more about the world. By reading informational text, students develop stronger literacy skills, build their vocabulary, and expand their content knowledge.

It is no secret that children typically spend more time watching videos and playing games on tablets than they do reading books. In addition, much of the reading content they are exposed to is fiction-based. Higher-level educational institutions have discovered that most students are not prepared to read and analyze complex nonfiction text or write a well-researched essay—skills that are essential for college and career readiness. Help students improve their informational literacy skills by providing them access to an assortment of nonfiction texts.

Boats and Ships is a nonfiction book about a variety of vessels that sail the seas. The book includes interesting facts, colorful photos, and special text features that will engage and inform readers. It will help bring young children one step closer to becoming competent readers of informational texts.



Name: _____

ACTIVITY 1

Boats and Ships

Directions: List some interesting facts that you learned about boats and ships in the correct sections below.

small boats



sailing boats



pirate boats and galleons



modern ships

