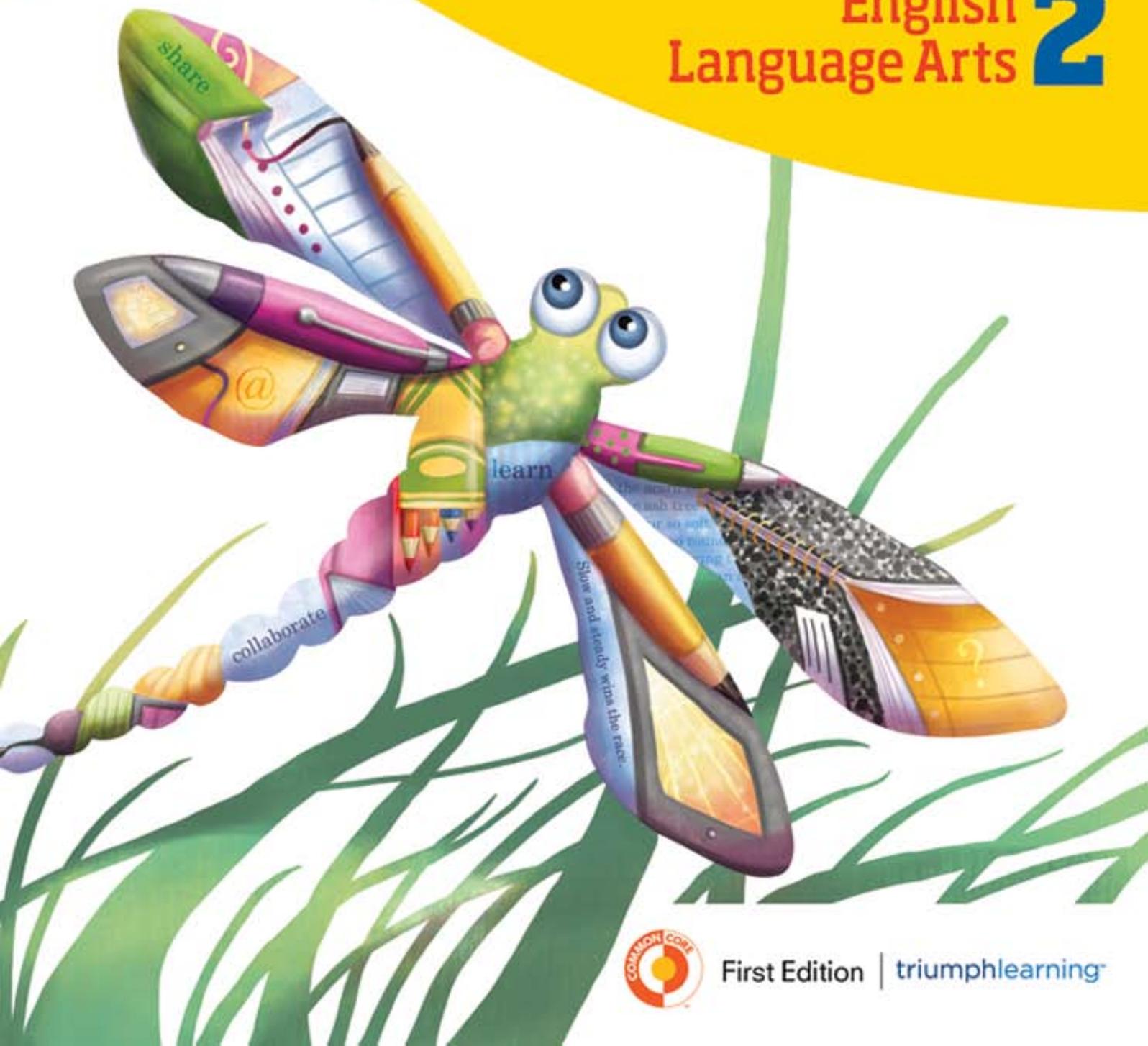


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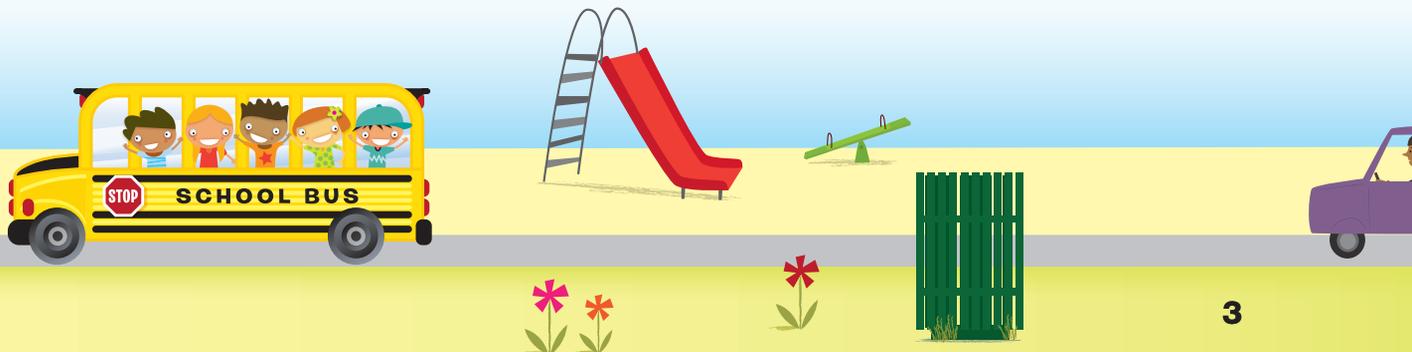
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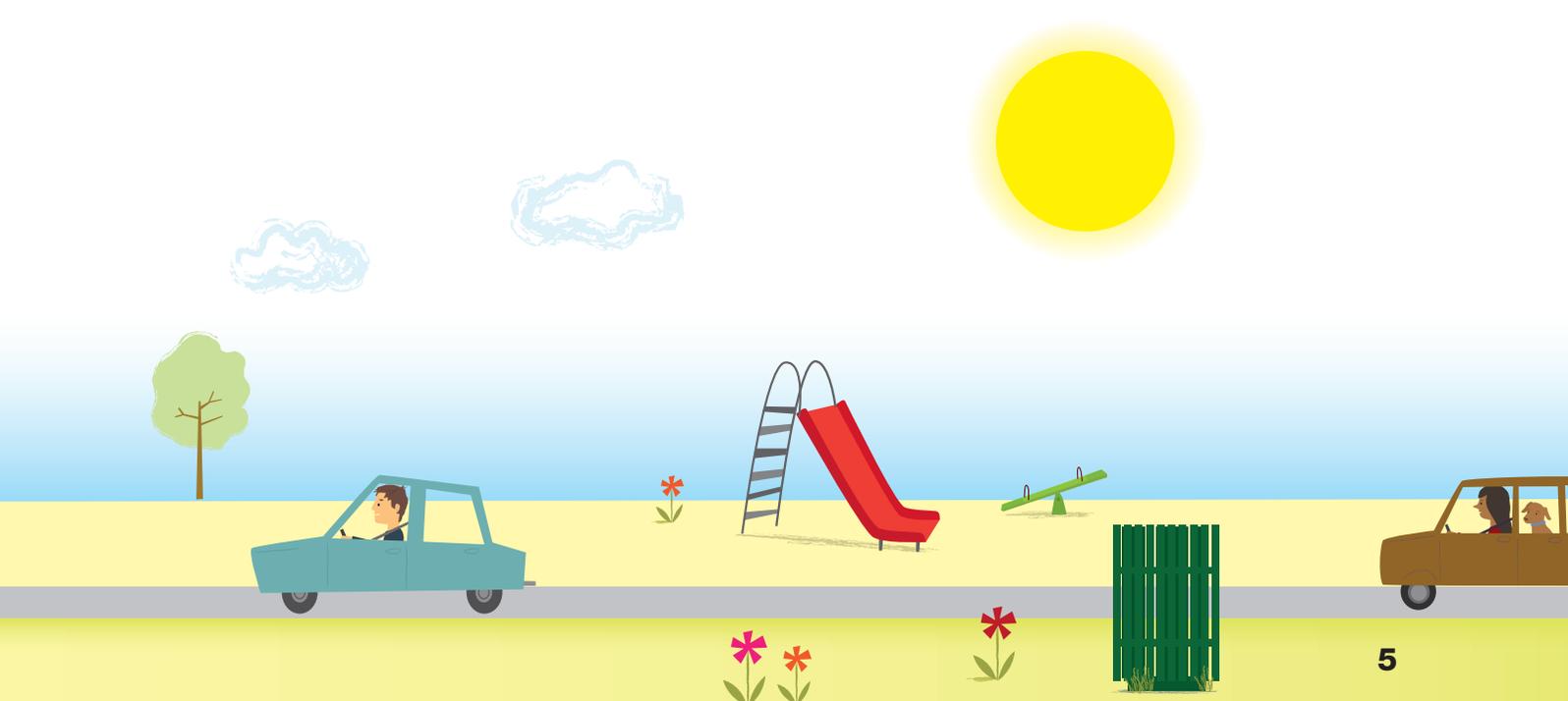
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# Read a Social Studies Text

**Look at this picture.**  
Why do many cities develop along rivers?



**In this lesson,** you will learn about social studies texts.

# Short Vowels

The letters a, e, i, o, and u are **vowels**. A word with one vowel usually has a **short vowel sound**.



branch



mask

Circle the word that names the picture.

1.



bag      bug

2.



crab      crib

3.



bell      bull

4.



click      clock

# Long Vowels

A **long vowel** sounds like the name of the vowel letter. Words that end with silent **-e** have a long vowel sound. In a **vowel team**, two vowels work together to stand for one long vowel sound.



flame



braid

Circle the word that names the picture.

1.



leaf      loaf

2.



cane      cone

3.



mole      mule

4.



tie      toe

# Listen to a Text

Think about what you learn as you listen.

## Water Travel

People need water. They need it to drink and cook. They need it to grow **crops** and care for animals. People build homes near rivers and lakes to be near water. They build towns near water, too. They use boats to travel up and down rivers.

Long ago, people did not have planes, trains, and cars. Water travel was important. Water travel was faster than land travel. But it had some problems. Rivers flow in one **direction**. Going up a river was hard. People did not have machines to move boats. They had to row a boat or push it with poles.

In 1807, Robert Fulton changed this. He built a **successful** steamboat. An engine moved the paddles on the boat. It made going up a river easy.



Giant paddles helped push steamboats up rivers.

## WORD BANK

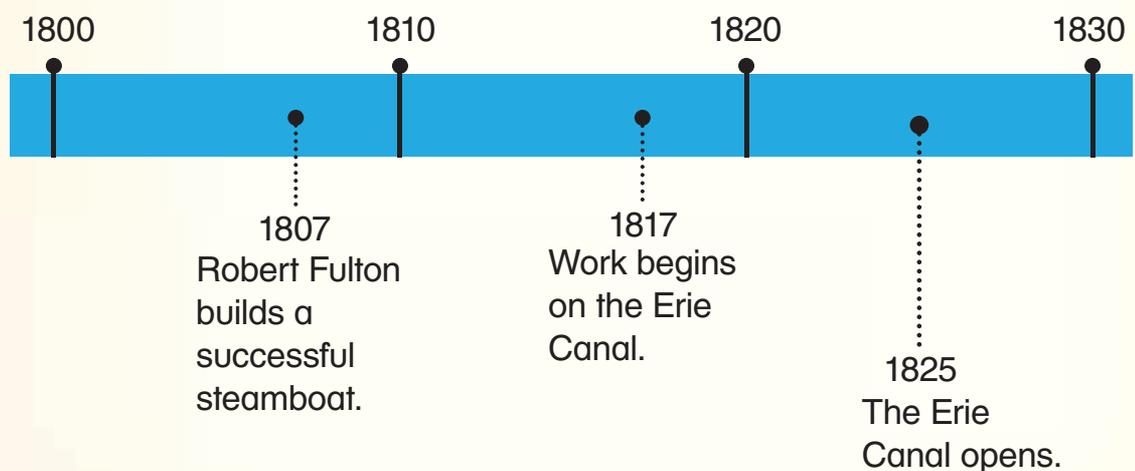
improve  
transportation

People found more ways to **improve** water travel. They built canals to connect bodies of water. A canal is a human-made river. One famous canal opened in 1825. It was the Erie Canal. It linked cities in New York.

The Erie Canal was a successful project. It encouraged people to build more canals. River towns grew larger. New towns developed along the canals.

Rivers and water **transportation** helped cities develop across the country. Today, water transportation is still important. We move goods and people on the water every day.

### Water Travel from 1800 to 1830



# Reading Check

Complete the items about “Water Travel.”

1. Go back to the text. Draw a line under the main topic.
2. Write a sentence to tell why people built homes and towns near water.

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3. Go back to the text. Circle the words that tell what a canal is.
4. What does the timeline show?

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5. Draw a picture of a way you travel. Write about your picture.

# Word Check

Draw a line from the word to its meaning.

## Word

1. crops
2. direction
3. successful
4. improve
5. transportation

## Meaning

- to make better
- the foods that people grow
- moving of people and goods
- a path that something follows
- having a good outcome

Answer each question.

6. What is something you can do to **improve** your school?

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7. How do you feel when you do something that is **successful**?

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Choose a Word Bank word from above.

8. Write a sentence using the word you chose.

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