

UNDERSTANDING
KEY VOCABULARY

PREPARING TO READ

1 Match the words (1–7) to their definitions (a–g).

1 explore	a one part of the text of a book
2 table of contents	b very old
3 chapter	c very new
4 modern	d a picture that shows countries, cities, roads, mountains, etc.
5 discover	e part of a book that shows the order of things
6 ancient	f to find something
7 map	g to look for something

2 Read the sentences (1–6) below and write the words from the box in the gaps. Use the glossary on page 196 to help you.

rivers Lake forest Sea Ocean mountains

1 _____ Baikal in Russia is very big and cold.

2 There are 21 different countries on the Mediterranean _____.

3 The Pyrenees are _____ between France and Spain.

4 There are many trees in a _____.

5 The Danube and the Nile are famous _____.

6 The Pacific _____ is between America and Asia.

3 Look at the texts and the picture. Read the questions (1–3) and circle the correct answers (a–c).

1 What is the book about?

- the history of the world
- the history of China
- the history of maps

2 The price of the book is:

- \$16.75
- £16.75
- €16.75

3 The picture shows

- a modern map of the world
- an ancient map of the world
- a photograph of the world

PREVIEWING

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4.2



Figure 4.3: World Map by Muhammad al-Idrisi, 1154

Muhammad al-Idrisi came from Morocco. In his life, Al-Idrisi travelled to Asia, France, England and Spain.

Al-Idrisi's map of the world is called the *Tabula Rogeriana* in Europe. The map is in Arabic. His map helped people travel from country to country.

The map shows North Africa, Europe, and South and East Asia. There are many European countries on the map. There is Norway in the north, Spain in the west, and Italy in the south. The map also shows India and China.

There are forests, rivers, lakes, mountains, seas and oceans on the map. Al-Idrisi's map shows the Mediterranean Sea, the Indian Ocean, and the Atlantic Ocean.

SCANNING TO FIND INFORMATION



WHILE READING

4 Scan the table of contents. Which chapter of the book has information about the things below?

- 1 maps by Pei Xiu
- 2 maps of ancient Greece
- 3 maps by Al-Khwarizmi
- 4 modern maps
- 5 maps of ancient Rome

5 Scan the texts again and find the continents and countries that are mentioned. Circle them in the table below.

continents	countries
Asia	Mexico
Australia	Spain
Europe	Norway
Africa	Malaysia
America	China

READING FOR DETAIL

6 Read part of Chapter 4.2. Write true (T) or false (F) next to the statements (1–5) below.

- 1 Muhammad al-Idrisi was Algerian.
- 2 *Tabula Rogeriana* is the Arabic name of Al-Idrisi's map.
- 3 America is not on the map.
- 4 India is on the map.
- 5 There are lakes on the map.