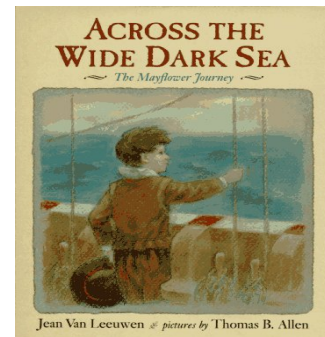


# Theme 5

## Voyagers

Title:

Across the Wide  
Dark Sea



Author:

Jean Van Leeuwen



Illustrator:

Thomas B. Allen



## Genre:

**Historical Fiction** a story that realistically recreates a past time and is based on a true story



## Comprehension Strategy:

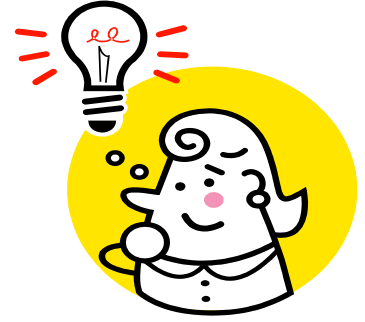
### Question

To figure out what part you did not understand



Comprehension Skill:

**Making Inferences**



Comprehension Skill Review:

**Story Structure; Making Judgment**

Spelling Focus:

The Vowel Sounds in **tooth** and **cook**

Basic:

tooth

chew

grew

cook

shoe

blue

boot

flew

shook

balloon

drew

spoon

Review:

**good**

**soon**

Challenge:

**loose**

**brook**

## Key Vocabulary:

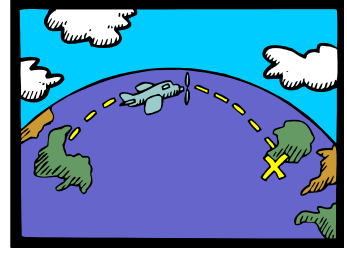
**anchor**– a heavy metal hook attached to a ship and dropped over board to hold the ship in place



**cramped**– crowded; not enough room to move about



**journey**- a trip from one place to another



**seeping**- slowly leaking; oozing



**settlement**- a small community in a new place



**survive**- to stay alive; to hold up or withstand



**weary**- tired; needing rest



## Other Vocabulary:

**rigging**- all the ropes, chains, and pulleys used to control the masts and sails of ship



**furl**- to roll up and fasten

**shuddered**- trembled or shivered suddenly

**huddled**- crowded close together

**overboard**- over the side of the boat

**desperate**- driven by great need

**miraculously**- amazingly, like a miracle

**plucked**- snatched, pulled out

**jack**- a mechanical tool used to raise or move heavy objects, such as a car or house



**worship**- to take part in a religious ceremony

**faith**- trust or belief, even without proof

**lurked-** stayed hidden

**shelter-** something that protects or covers

**swamps-** areas of spongy, muddy land that are often filled with water



**rough-** built in a hurry; not completely finished

**defend-** to protect from attack



**cannons**- heavy guns set onto wheels

**sprouting**- beginning to grow as new plants

**thatch-roofed**- a roof covered with straw or reeds



**Vocabulary Skills:**

**Dictionary: Syllables**



**Word Work:**

**Grammar Skills:**

**Subject Pronouns**

**Writing:**

**Writing a Play; Using  
Exclamations**

**Listening/Speaking/Viewing:  
Present an Oral Book Report**

# Spiral Review:

## Structural Analysis:

Contractions with 's, n't, 're, 'll

Inflected endings -ed and -ing;

Word endings -ed and -ing and

Changing Final y to i

## Grammar: Possessive Nouns

## Vocabulary: Word Families

## Dictionary: Base Words and Inflected Forms