



RESEARCH WRITING THROUGH HISTORICAL FICTION

Language Arts 1

WHAT IS RESEARCH?

Research means finding out more about a topic by asking questions.

- It helps us learn new things and understand the world better.
- We use books, websites, and other sources to gather facts.
- After collecting information, we organize it clearly for a research paper.
- Research helps us make good decisions and solve problems.



WHY RESEARCH WRITING IS IMPORTANT



- Helps us learn facts and understand topics better.
- Teaches us how to find and use reliable information.
- Improves our writing and communication skills.
- Helps us explain ideas clearly to others.
- Encourages curiosity and critical thinking.

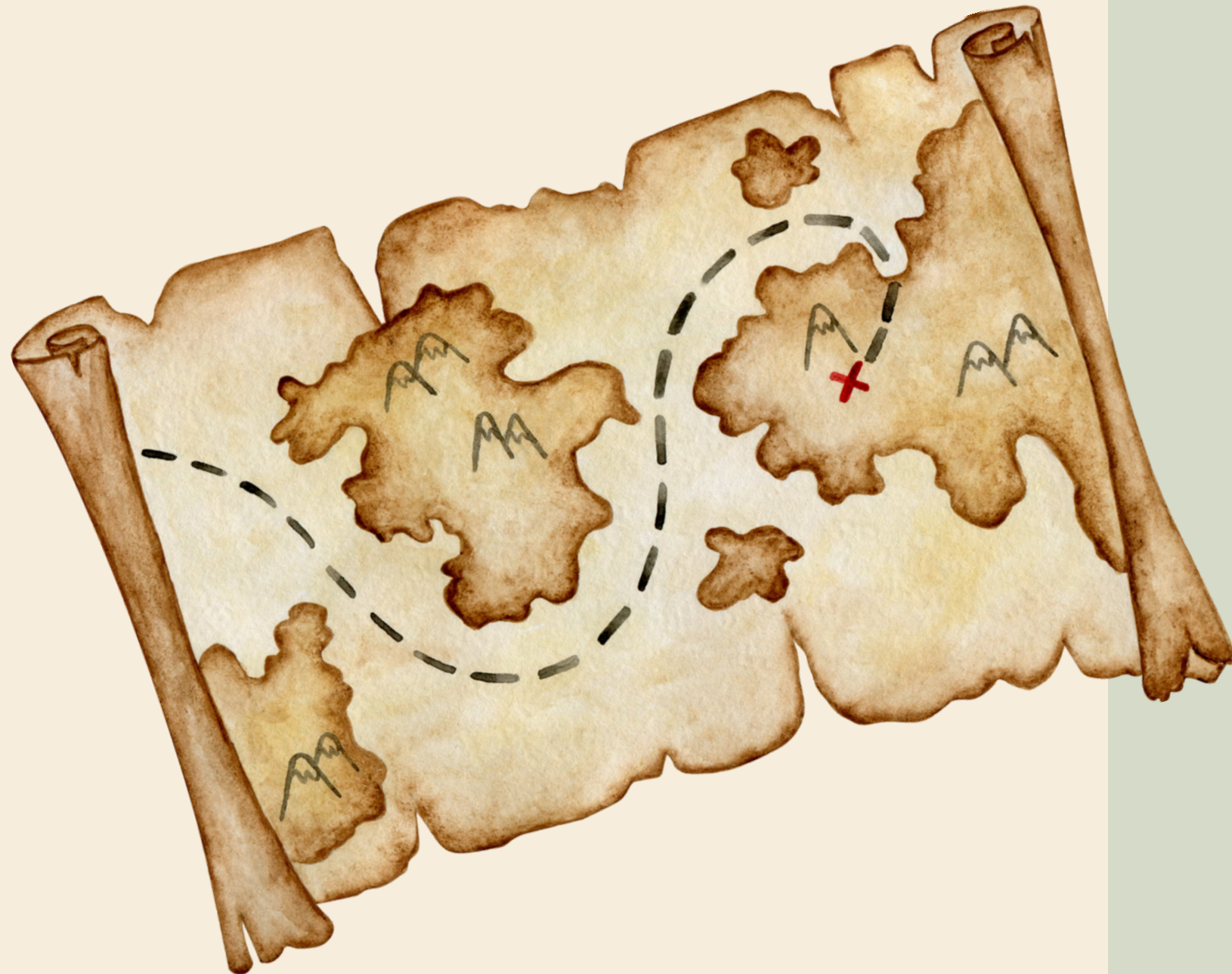
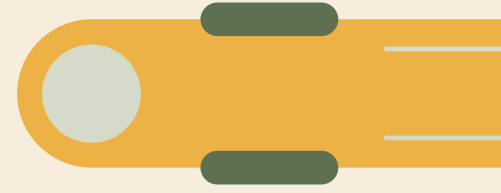
PARTS OF RESEARCH WRITING



There are several parts to research writing that you should familiarize yourself with before getting started.

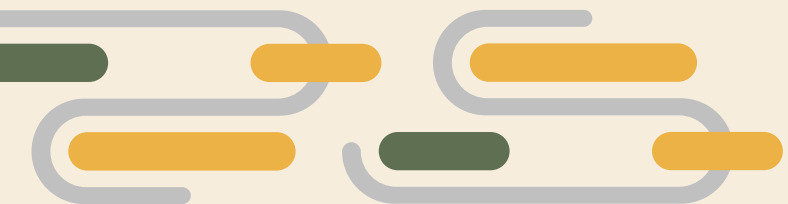
- **Topic** — What you are researching
- **Question** — What do you want to find out
- **Sources** — Books, websites, or people with information
- **Notes** — Important facts you write down
- **Outline** — Plan of what to include and in what order
- **Draft** — First version of your writing
- **Revisions** — Fixing and improving your draft
- **Proofreading and Review** — Checking for mistakes and making sure everything makes sense
- **Final Paper** — Fix the final version

WHAT IS A RESEARCH QUESTION?



After selecting a topic, a research question helps you find out new information about it. It's like a treasure map to guide your thinking.

- It helps you stay focused
- It must be clear and easy to answer.
 - Example: "How did pirates talk to each other in the 1700s?"



WHAT MAKES A GOOD RESEARCH QUESTION?



- It's clear and focused.
- Not too big or too small.
- You can find the answer by reading or researching.
- It's fun and interesting.
- It uses question words like **What, How, Why, When**

HOW TREASURE ISLAND HELPS US RESEARCH

In this Unit, you will read Treasure Island and explore the connection between real and fictional elements through research.

Treasure Island is
historical fiction – it
mixes real history with
made-up parts

It takes place in the
1700s .

**We can ask research
questions about:**

- Pirate life
- Old ships and how they worked
- Exploring islands
- Life in 18th-century Britain

SOME GOOD QUESTIONS WE COULD ASK

- **What kind of ships did pirates sail?**
- **How did pirates travel without GPS?**
- **What did pirates eat and do every day?**
- **Why did people become pirates long ago?**



TIPS FOR RESEARCHING HISTORICAL FICTION



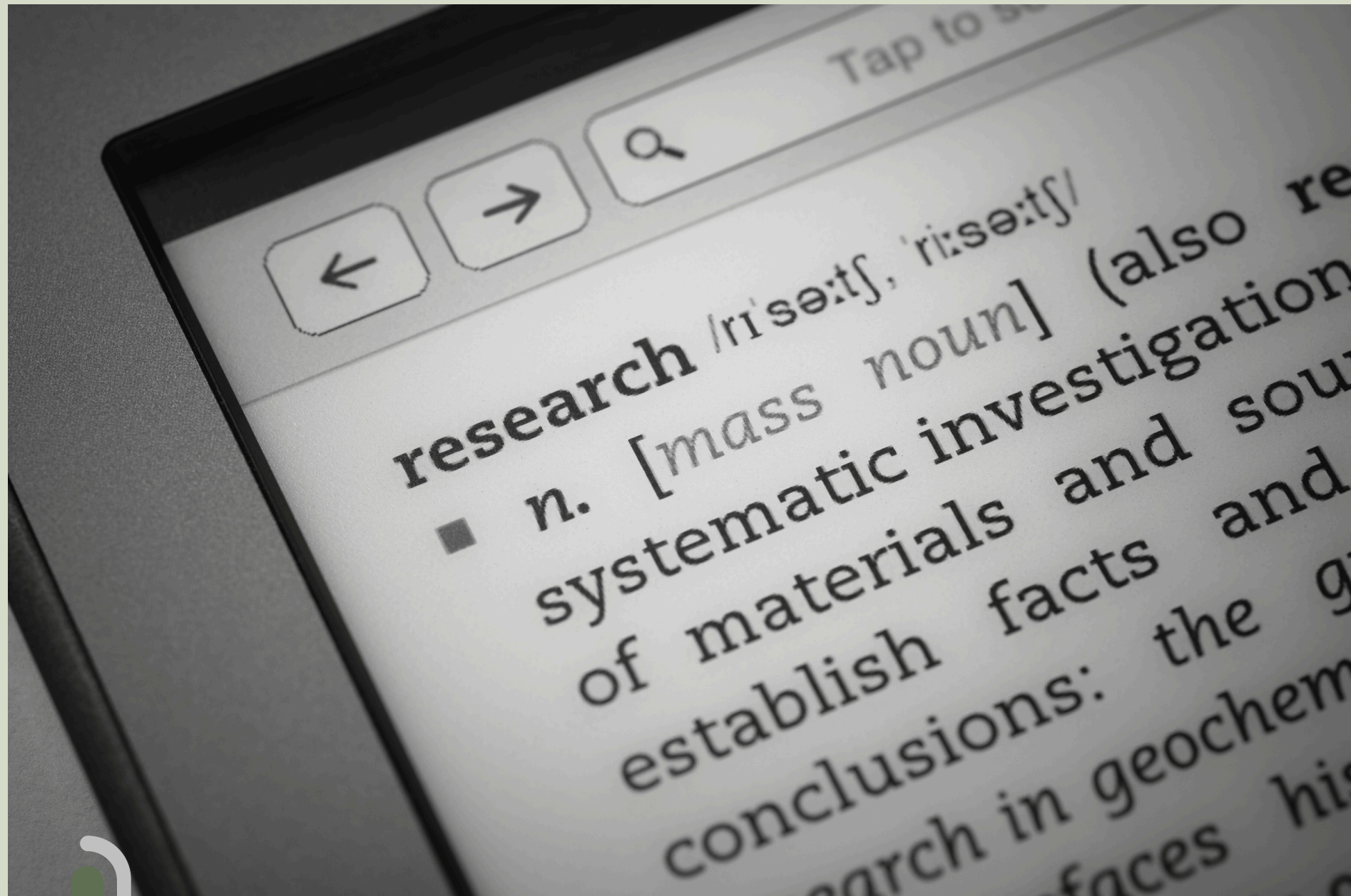
- Look for **real facts** in the story.
- Notice anything that **sounds like** real history.
- **Think**: “Is this real or made up?”
- **Ask**: “What year is this from?”
- Try to **learn more** about that time.

WHERE CAN I FIND GOOD INFORMATION?

- History books
- Safe websites
- Museum websites
- Old letters or diaries
- Maps and pictures
- Talking to history experts



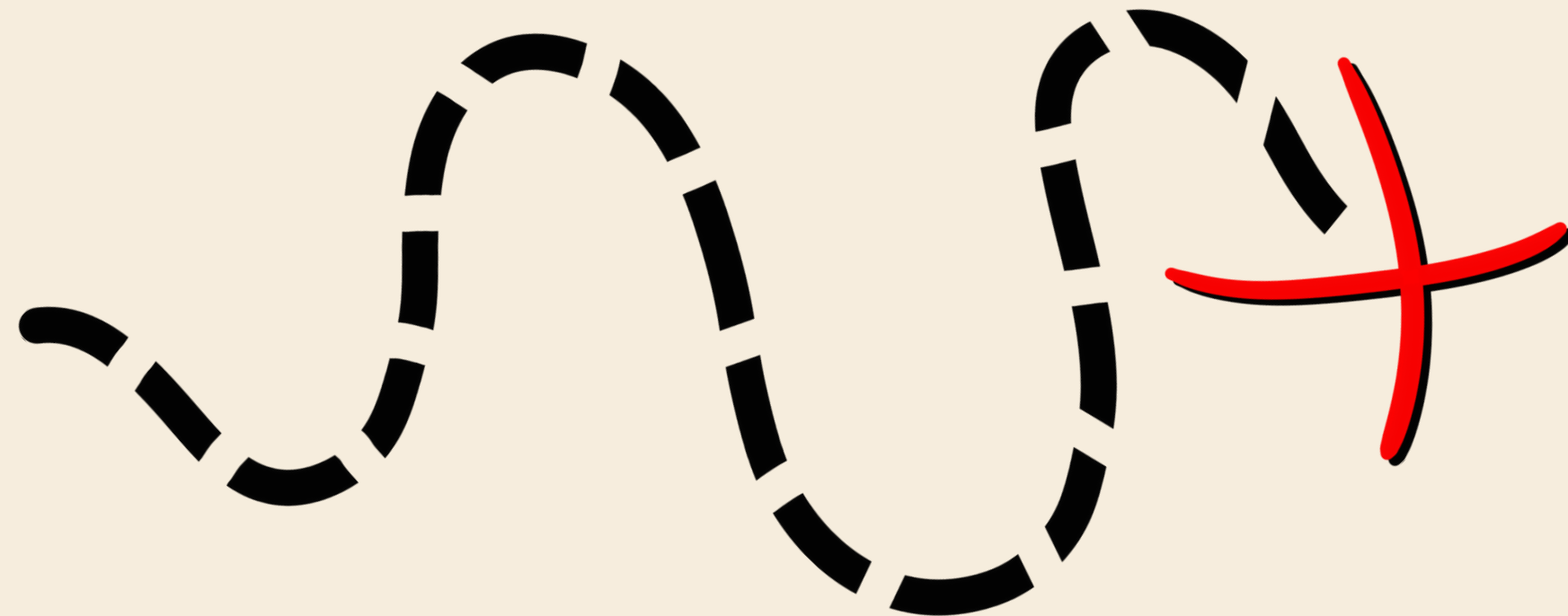
STEPS IN RESEARCH



1. Ask your question.
2. Break it into small parts.
3. Find books or websites.
4. Take notes.
5. Use your notes to answer your question.
6. Share what you learned.

MAKING CONNECTIONS TO THE STORY

- **Match real history to parts of Treasure Island**
- **Think:** “Could this really happen?”
- **Ask:** “Why did the author include this?”
- **See how history helps the story feel real**



CHECKLIST: IS YOUR RESEARCH QUESTION READY?

- ✓ Is it clear and specific?
- ✓ Can you find the answer?
- ✓ Is it about something real from the story?
- ✓ Does it connect to Treasure Island?
- ✓ Will it be fun to learn about?
- ✓ Can you find good sources?

