

# Ahoy Mateys

When previewing an informational text,  
check for THIEVES!

**T**itle

1. What does the title make me think the text will be about?
2. What might be the central message the author is trying to communicate?
3. What do I already know about this subject?

**H**eadings

1. How has the author divided the content of this text into smaller pieces?
2. What are these smaller topics?
3. Based on these topics, what do I think I will read about in each section?

**I**ntroduction

1. What does the introduction do to make me curious about this subject?

**E**very First Sentence

1. What additional details can I gather about the content of the text in each section?

**V**isuals &  
**V**ocabulary

1. What do the text features (captions, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc) tell me about the content of the article?
2. Are there words in boldface type or italics that I need to pay special attention to as I preview the text?
3. What do they mean?

**E**nd of text

1. How does the author wrap up the writing?
2. What will I be asked to answer?

**S**ummarize thinking

1. If I think about all the information I have gathered, what do I predict I will be reading about?
2. What do I think the author's central ideas will be in this text?

