ML: We read non- fiction to deepen our understanding of history. We need to learn words to help us develop an understanding for the historical topics we are studying. We can use strategies to help develop an understanding of unfamiliar words.

1. Determine what we already know or think we know

Try this: Change the title and headings into questions starting with:

What do I know about…?

* Read and examine the non-fiction text features: illustrations, captions, diagrams, maps, charts
* List any words, facts, phrases, details, or sketch anything that comes to mind. Talk about them with your partner.

Extension: Which words, facts, phrases, details fit together? Put them into groups/categories and give each group/category a name.

1. Build our understanding of new vocabulary

Try this:

 Locate the highlighted word.

* Read the sentence where the word is located.
* Read the sentences around the word.
* Think about the previewing work you did above

Ask yourself:

* What details, facts, or ideas are important to this word?
* What is a similar word or phrase?
* What is the word like? Features, characteristics, examples

Record your thinking on the Word map