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Listening, Understanding and Thematic  
Application

**episode 4: Warriors**

**analysis and  
evaluation**

\*In your own words, explain why you chose your thematic highlight in the margin. **Try your best not to rewrite words from the text.**

11. What is buried deep beneath the Arabian Desert?  
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12. What is the religion practiced in this area? \_\_\_\_\_

13. True or False. The Mahad Al Dahab mine was owned by Al-Hajajj-Al-Bahizi, who was from the same tribe as the Prophet Mohammed.

14. All the gold ever mined comes from outer \_\_\_\_\_, from a time almost four billion years ago, known as the 'heavy bombardment.' \_\_\_\_\_ carrying traces of gold rained down on the earth. Fourteen million times rarer than \_\_\_\_\_, all the gold ever mined would fill just \_\_\_\_\_ Olympic swimming pools.

15. A cave-in at a gold mine in the Arabian \_\_\_\_\_. Owner Al-Hajajj-Al-Bahizi risks his life to save his men and his \_\_\_\_\_. This mine alone will produce \_\_\_\_\_ of gold, worth two billion

dollars today.

16. What sparks a boom in trade a new chapter for mankind?  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. From the trading center of \_\_\_\_\_, a charismatic leader emerges, the Prophet Mohammed, and a new \_\_\_\_\_. In twenty years, \_\_\_\_\_ unites the warring tribes of Arabia.

18. From Mecca, in modern day \_\_\_\_\_, Islam spreads across North Africa and into Europe, dominating lands once controlled by the \_\_\_\_\_. A new civilization reaches into Spain and builds a new city: \_\_\_\_\_.

19. True or False. Abbas Ibn Firnas was an astronomer, engineer, and inventor.

20. What does Ibn Firnas want to do? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Cordoba is \_\_\_\_\_ to half a million Muslims, Christians, and Jews. In Europe's Dark Ages, a beacon of tolerance and \_\_\_\_\_.

37 libraries, the knowledge of mankind, much of it \_\_\_\_\_ from ancient Greece and Rome.

22. What math subject did the Arabs create? \_\_\_\_\_

23. What numbers are still known as Arabic numerals?  
\_\_\_\_\_

24. True or False. Ibn Firnas dies attempting to fly.

25. Fifty years later, two and half thousand miles away, another \_\_\_\_\_ pushing the boundaries of knowledge: Ahmad Ibn Falan. Diplomat, chronicler, devout \_\_\_\_\_. His mission: to seek out new \_\_\_\_\_ routes. In Russia, he makes contact with people who will dominate northern Europe: the \_\_\_\_\_.

26. From their native Scandinavia, these Vikings have journeyed \_\_\_\_\_ miles by sea and river, before settling in western \_\_\_\_\_. This country will be \_\_\_\_\_ after them. The Vikings call themselves the Russ, '\_\_\_\_\_':

27. What do the Vikings offer Ibn Falan for trade?  
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29. Ibn Falan arrives in time to see what Viking practice?  
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30. True or False. Valhalla is the legendary Viking resting place of chiefs and warriors.

31. Why did one of the slave girls volunteer to be cremated with dead chief?  
\_\_\_\_\_

32. The Viking chief takes his final journey on his prized possession: his \_\_\_\_\_.

33. The key to Viking exploration: their \_\_\_\_\_. Built with overlapping

\_\_\_\_\_ planks, riveted along the keel, they're strong but \_\_\_\_\_.

Powered by sail and \_\_\_\_\_, some can reach \_\_\_\_\_ knots, a good speed for a modern racing yacht.

34. The Vikings launch \_\_\_\_\_ along the coasts of Britain, Ireland, France, and Spain. 30,000 Vikings settle in \_\_\_\_\_ in 60 years, and they set up colonies in \_\_\_\_\_.

35. Who were the first Europeans to reach North America?  
\_\_\_\_\_

36. True or False. The Vikings create great cities throughout Europe and convert to Christianity