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Skimming

A skill for reading nonfiction

We read books for different purposes. Sometimes we read slowly, taking in every new idea. Other times, we may just read for specific information. We may skip over details or parts of the book.



Earlier, we learned about **scanning**. Another important skill is **skimming**. When we skim, we skip most of the words. We might read just the first and last sentences in a paragraph.

Skim the paragraph below to answer the question.

What happened to Iraqi homes in the Iraq War?

Many families lost their homes in the Iraq War. Some neighborhoods were destroyed during the invasion. Later, violence between Iraqi groups exploded, and families fled the bloodshed. By 2008, there were over a million Iraqi refugees living in Syria, and another 750,000 in Jordan. Over two million more were refugees within Iraq. The war sparked a refugee crisis.

Here's the big idea:

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Iraqi children

Life during the Iraq War

What was it like for Iraqi children during the Iraq War?



With your partner, skim for big ideas on pages 44-45 in *War in Afghanistan and Iraq*.

You will use the information later to write a diary entry that an Iraqi child or teenager might write.



Look for big ideas about how the Iraq War changed the lives of Iraqi children and other civilians. It's okay to skip most of the words. Add your reaction to what you read. Were you surprised? Sad? Confused?

Problems for children	pages 44-45
Big ideas:	
Our reaction:	

How did children feel?	pages 44-45
Big ideas	
Our reaction:	