

### SKIMMING

1. Após ler sobre a estratégia de leitura “skimming”, responda o que se pede nos slides abaixo:

- SKIMMING vem da palavra SKIM, que quer dizer algo que fica na superfície, NATA.
- SKIMMING, então, no processo de leitura, significa examinar a superfície, as informações que sobressaem em um texto. Isso é feito observando o layout do texto, figuras, título e subtítulos e fazendo uma leitura bem rápida, superficial, com o objetivo de descobrir qual é o assunto do texto e como esse texto se organiza.
- Tente ler o texto ao lado usando esta estratégia e descubra rapidamente informações relevantes do mesmo.

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De que fala o texto a seguir? Procure identificar as informações mais relevantes.

On April 10, 1912, the RMS *Titanic* set sail from Southampton on her maiden voyage to New York. At that time, she was the largest and most luxurious ship ever built. At 11:40 PM on April 14, 1912, she struck an iceberg about 400 miles off Newfoundland, Canada. Although her crew had been warned about icebergs several times that evening by other ships navigating through that region, she was traveling at near top speed of about 20.5 knots when one grazed her side.

Less than three hours later, the *Titanic* plunged to the bottom of the sea, taking more than 1500 people with her. Only a fraction of her passengers were saved. The world was stunned to learn of the fate of the unsinkable *Titanic*. It carried some of the richest, most powerful industrialists of her day. Together, their personal fortunes were worth \$600 million in 1912! In addition to wealthy and the middle class passengers, she carried poor emigrants from Europe and the Middle East seeking economic and social freedom in the New World.

Fonte: <http://www.gma.org/spaces/titanic.html>

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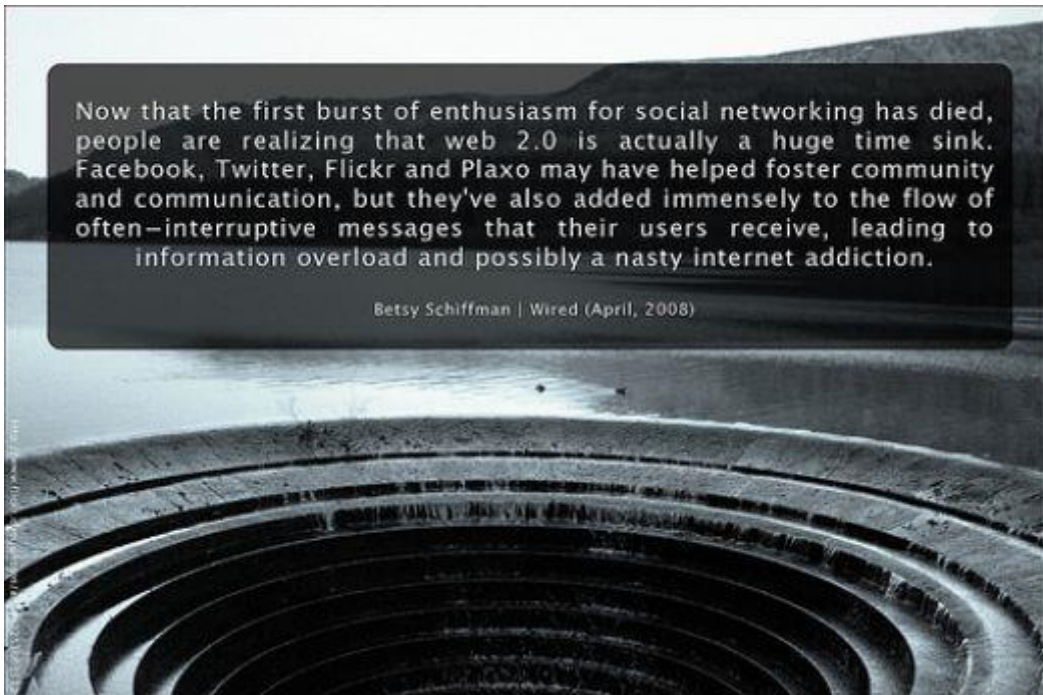
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2. Use as estratégias de leitura aprendidas até agora (identificação de cognatas, marcas tipográficas, palavras repetidas, skimming) para ler os dois textos que se seguem. Explique que relação existe entre eles.



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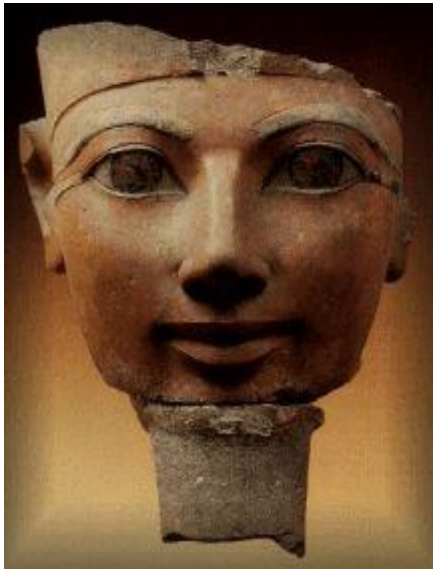
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3. Leia os dois próximos textos para responder o que se pede:



Hatshepsut was an 18th-dynasty pharaoh who was one of the handful of female rulers in Ancient Egypt. Her reign was the longest of all the female pharaohs, and her funerary temple still stands as a tribute to her incredible rise to power.

Born in the 15th century BC, Hatshepsut, daughter of Tuthmose I and Aahmes, both of royal lineage, was the favorite of their three children. When her two brothers died, she was in the unique position to gain the throne upon the death of her father. To have a female pharaoh was unprecedented, and probably most definitely unheard of as well. When Tuthmose I passed away, his son by the commoner Moutnofrit, Tuthmose II, technically ascended the throne. For the few years of his reign, however, Hatshepsut seems to have held the reins. From markings on his mummy, archaeologists believe Tuthmose II had a skin disease, and he died after ruling only three or four years..

Hatshepsut, as a favorite daughter of a popular pharaoh, and as a charismatic and beautiful lady in her own right, was then able to command enough of a following to actually take control as pharaoh. She ruled for about 15 years, until her death in 1458 BC, and left behind more monuments and works of art than any Egyptian queen to come.

a. Sabemos que o título de um texto contém uma síntese do que será abordado no mesmo. Que título você daria para o texto acima?

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b. De quem trata o texto? Retire três informações relevantes sobre esta pessoa.

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### **Gates says malaria vaccine may be ready in three years**

By Tom Hagler

BBC News

**Microsoft founder Bill Gates has told the BBC that a vaccine for malaria could be just three years away.**

Mr Gates is a key campaigner against the disease which kills a million people a year, most of them children. Since it was formed, his foundation has spent billions of dollars in the fight against malaria. Just like smallpox, Mr Gates believes the disease can be eradicated. As yet, there is no vaccine, but, Mr Gates says, a breakthrough is near.

"We have a vaccine that's in the last trial phase - called phase three. A partially effective vaccine could even be available within three years, but a [...] fully effective vaccine will take five to 10 years," he told the BBC World Service's World Today programme.

The man believed to be the richest person in the world did have a warning though - he fears developed nations may plunder their foreign aid budgets to pay for the cost of tackling climate change. Mr Gates says this would be a mistake as aid budgets not only save lives, they also improve people's health and, in turn, that stops population growth - a key reason, he says, for global warming.



"I just want to make sure that that funding doesn't come by reducing the funds for Aids, drugs or vaccines, which, after all, not only do they save lives but it's this improved health that actually gets a country to reduce its population growth," he said.

"And, in the long run, for all these environmental issues, having a population that's not growing so rapidly is what will allow us to live on a sustainable basis. "Climate change is very important, it is an issue money should go to. It just shouldn't come out of health aid budgets."

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c. Relate o que você conseguiu compreender sobre o texto acima. Seja o mais detalhista possível.

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4. Após ter lido os slides e praticado um pouco a estratégia *Skimming* com os textos deste exercício, você consegue compreender as informações centrais de textos em inglês? Caso sua resposta seja negativa, mencione suas principais dificuldades.

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