

# **Developing Academic Reading Strategies**

**First Century Christianity  
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***Developing Academic Reading Strategies* includes:**

- Instructor's instructions for each unit
  - Complete texts and scripts
  - Learner worksheets
  - Master SLIDES
  - Activity cards
  - CD of all task materials in electronic (Adobe PDF) format
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## INTRODUCTION

### **The Purpose of This Curriculum**

- ◆ *To learn English*
- ◆ *To develop vocabulary learning strategies*
- ◆ *To develop reading strategies*
- ◆ *To read and discuss First Century Christianity and related topics*

### **Who This Curriculum Is For**

- ◆ adults learners
- ◆ intermediate learners (Canadian Language Benchmarks 5-6)
- ◆ ESL or EFL settings — Because the Bible represents a historical setting and is couched in historical Hebrew culture, this curriculum is suitable for either ESL (English as a Second Language) or EFL (English as a Foreign Language) teaching.

### **How This Curriculum Is Organized**

- ◆ *Text-based* — Each unit is built around selected texts from the book of Acts, The Holy Bible, New International Version® NIV®, Copyright©1973, 1978, 1984. Other texts are brought in as they relate to what is being studied.
- ◆ *Task-based* — Meaning is at the core of language, and each task has the students using language in a meaningful way.
- ◆ *Function-based* — Each unit also develops the learners language for every day living. The language learned in class is applicable for use outside the classroom.

### **How Much On-Task Time This Curriculum Provides**

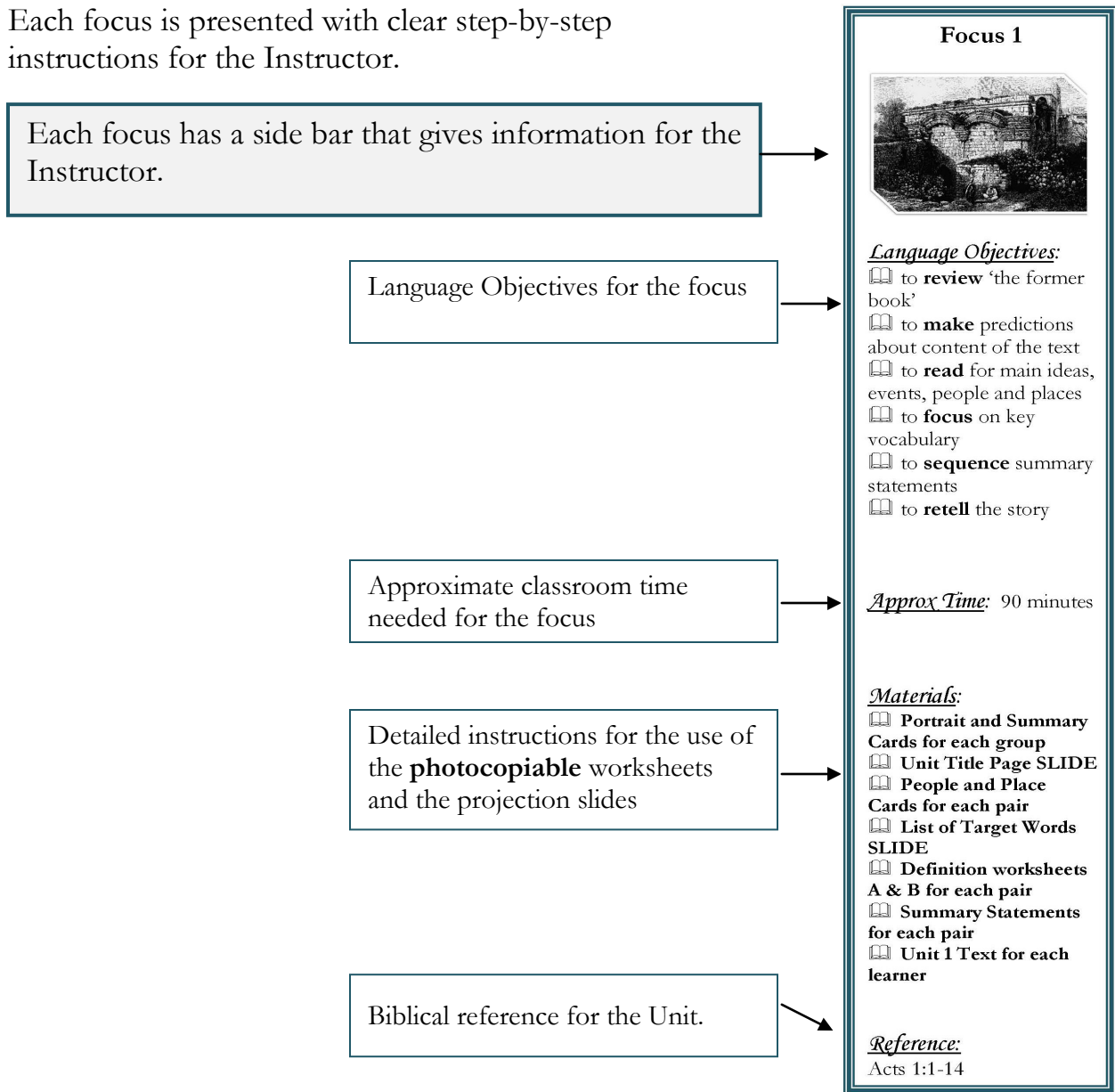
- ◆ whole curriculum — 45-50 hours
- ◆ each unit — approximately 4 hours of on-task class time
- ◆ each focus' tasks vary according to the purpose and task type

USER GUIDE

- There are twelve units of study with three foci each.
- Each unit covers a section of text from the book of Acts from the English Bible.
- Each unit guides the learners through the process of learning and interacting with the content of the text.
- Each focus develops vocabulary learning and academic reading strategies.
- **The unit is most effective when the foci are done sequentially.**

**Focus Instructions:**

Each focus is presented with clear step-by-step instructions for the Instructor.



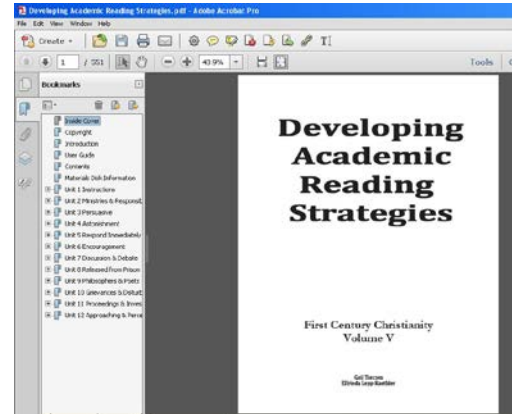
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