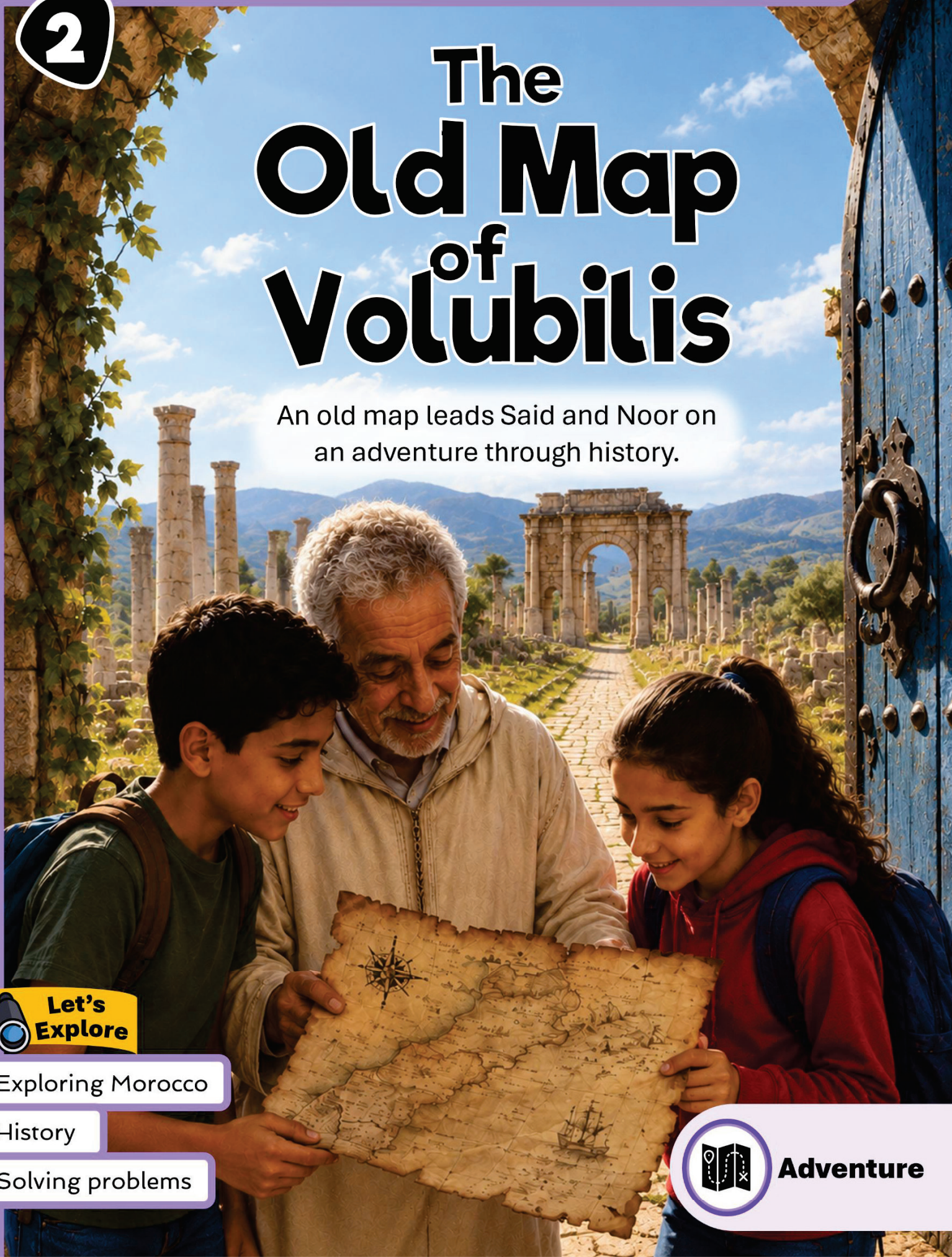
Developing 2

Story Quest Graded Readers

A1 to A1+

The Old Map of Volubilis

An old map leads Said and Noor on an adventure through history.



Let's Explore

- ★ Exploring Morocco
- ★ History
- ★ Solving problems

Adventure

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About this Series

This graded reader is part of Story Quest, a series that supports Moroccan students in building their English language skills. Its stories encourage curiosity, build confidence, and foster a lifelong love of reading.

The Story Quest series was developed through collaboration between the Ministry of National Education, Preschool and Sports, Curriculum Directorate, and Amideast. Together, we help students strengthen their English while opening doors to new ideas, cultures, and opportunities.

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Welcome to Story Quest!

Every story is an ADVENTURE.

- Open the book.
- Discover new words.
- Meet interesting characters.
- Explore new ideas.

And most of all... enjoy the story!



Your Reading Journey



Story Snapshot

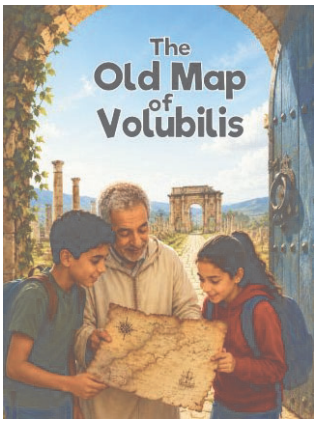
Genre	
Adventure	In these stories, characters face challenges, solve problems, and discover new things.

Reader Level	
2 Developing A1 to A1+	These books have longer stories, new words, and more interesting characters to discover.

Get Ready!

Look, Think, and Predict

Look carefully at the picture on the cover. Tick the ideas you think will happen in the story.



- ❑ Said and Noor find an old map.
- ❑ They visit an old place.
- ❑ They get lost for a short time.
- ❑ They help other people.
- ❑ They go to the beach.

Words and Phrases to Know

Match each word with its meaning.

____ 1. map
____ 2. old
____ 3. gate
____ 4. stone
____ 5. lost
____ 6. afraid

a) not knowing the way
b) a door in a wall or fence
c) a drawing of places and roads
d) not new
e) a hard thing from the ground
f) feeling scared

Ready? Your **Story Quest** begins now!
🎧 Listen as you read. Enjoy the journey!

Enjoy the Story!

The Old Map of Volubilis

Said is twelve. He lives in Meknes. On Saturday, his cousin Noor visits him.

Grandfather smiles and opens a small box.

“Look,” he says. “This is an old map.”

Said looks at the map. Noor looks at the map too.

Grandfather says, “My father used this map. Our family has used this map for a very long time.”

“Where is this place?” asks Noor.

“It is Volubilis,” says Grandfather. “It is an old city near Meknes. There are old stones, old houses, and a big gate.”

Said feels excited. “Can we go?” he asks.



In the afternoon, Said, Noor, and Grandfather travel to Volubilis. The sun is warm. The stones are yellow. The place is quiet.

They walk slowly. They look at the old stones and the old road. Grandfather tells them stories about the place.





Then they see two paths.

"This way," says Said.

"No, this way," says Noor.

They walk and walk. Suddenly, they cannot see Grandfather.

Said feels afraid. Noor feels afraid too.

"We are lost," says Noor.

Said takes the old map from his bag. He looks carefully.

"The big gate is near the old road," he says.

They walk back to the old road. Then they see the big gate. Grandfather is there. He is not angry. He is smiling.

Near the gate, a tourist family is lost too.

“Can you help us?” asks the father.

Said looks at the map and smiles. “Yes,” he says. “The exit is this way.”

Grandfather feels proud.





That evening, Said says, “The old map is not only old. It helped us find our way.”

Grandfather smiles and says, “And history can help us find our way too.”

Keep Exploring!

Check your Comprehension

Choose the correct answer.

1 What does Grandfather show Said and Noor?

a. a book
b. an old map
c. a photo

2 Where do Said and Noor travel?

a. Volubilis
b. the beach
c. the mountains

3 Why do Said and Noor feel afraid?

a. They are hungry.
b. They are lost.
c. They are tired.

4 Who does Said help at the end?

a. Grandfather
b. Noor
c. a tourist family

Make Connections

Design a travel poster titled "Visit Volubilis!"

What makes Volubilis a special place? Use ideas from the story. You can also use books or the internet to discover more.

Create the poster in your notebook. Include:

- one short slogan
- two things people can see at Volubilis
- one small drawing



Answer Key

Get Ready!

Look, Think, and Predict

Said and Noor find an old map./ They visit an old place./ They get lost for a short time./ They help other people.

Words and Phrases to Know

1. c
2. d
3. b
4. e
5. a
6. f

Keep Exploring!

Check your Comprehension

1. b
2. a
3. b
4. c

Make Connections

Sample Answer
Title: Visit Volubilis!
Slogan: Discover the past!
Things to see: The old gate. / The ancient stones.
Drawing: Students' own drawing.