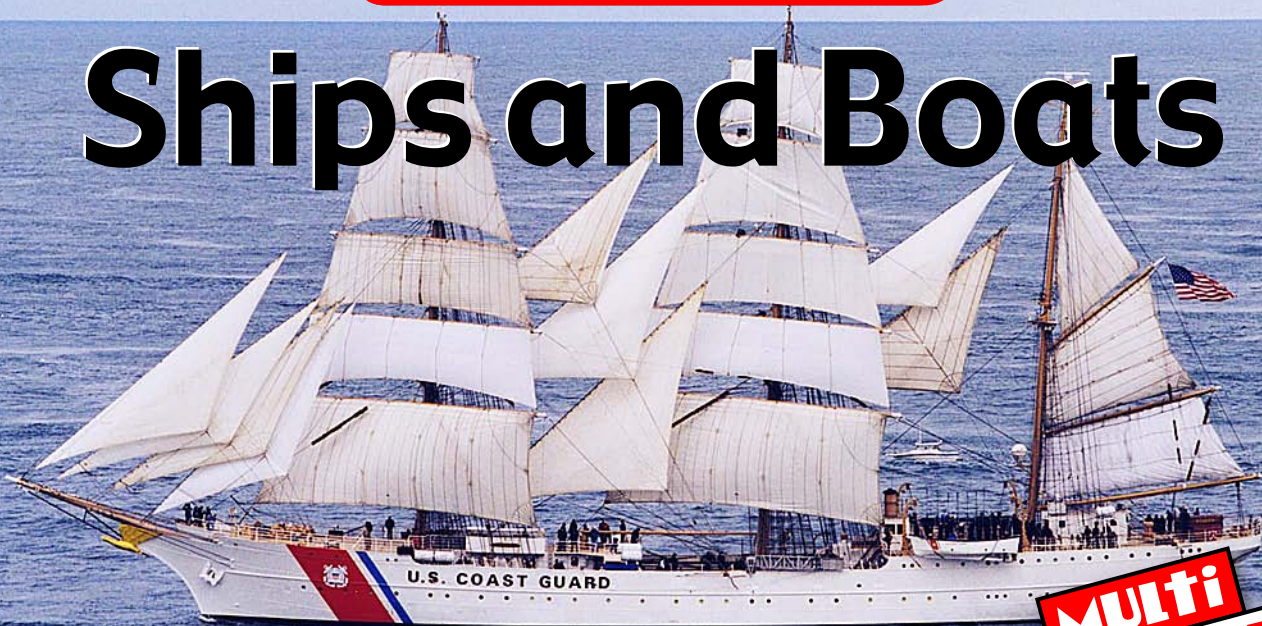


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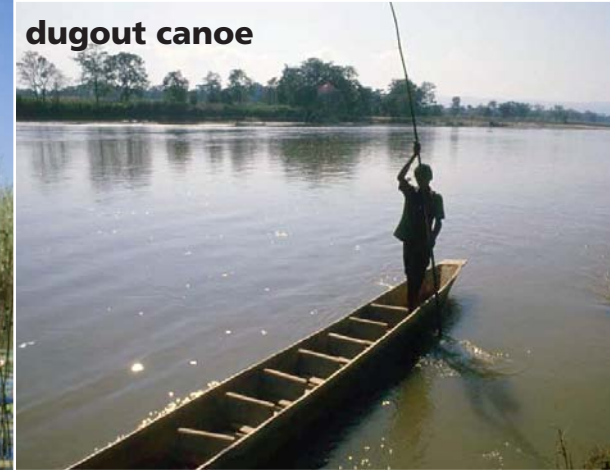


## Introduction

Ships and boats carry people and **goods** over water.

Ships and boats were once the fastest way to move things.





## Early Ships and Boats

The first boats were made out of logs.

People used poles to push the boats.

South American reed boat



Other boats used paddles or **oars**.

The oars pushed against the water to move the boats.

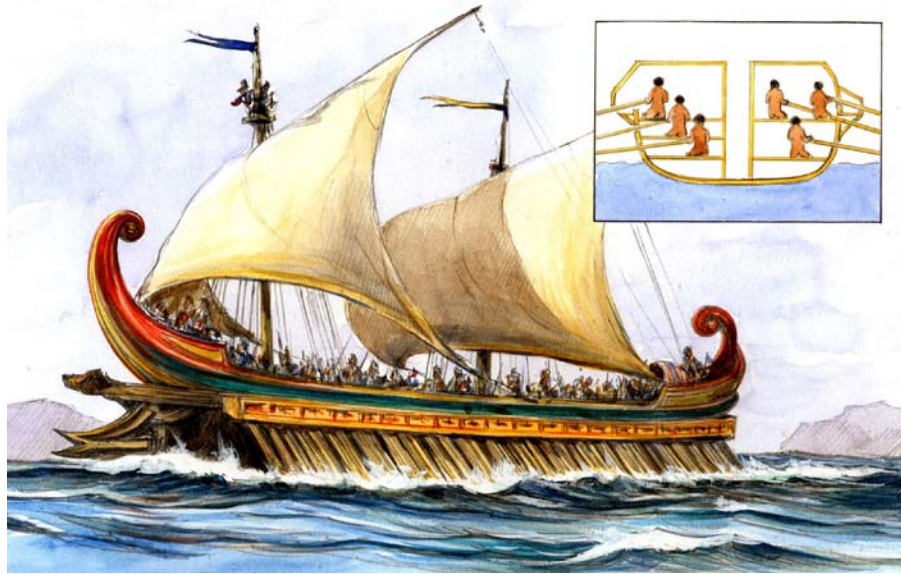


Later, people made boats with wooden **frames**.  
They covered the frames with bark or animal skins.

**Viking ship**



**Greek trireme**



Frame boats were larger than log boats.  
Many people could row at the same time.



## Chinese junk



Sails were used to move boats, too.

The sails caught the wind to push the boat.

**U.S. Coast Guard  
training ship**



**clipper ship**



Larger ships needed more sails.

Sailing ships carried people around the world.



## **Ships and Boats Today**

Many ships and boats today are made of metal or plastic.  
They often use motors to move through the water.

## fishing boats



People still use smaller boats for fishing and fun.  
Many small boats still use paddles or oars.



aircraft carrier



Many countries use ships and boats to defend their **coasts**.  
Ships and boats are still an important part of our world.

## Glossary

- coasts** (*n.*) areas where the land meets the ocean (p. 13)
- frames** (*n.*) structures that give shape and strength to objects (p. 7)
- goods** (*n.*) things that can be bought and sold (p. 4)
- oars** (*n.*) poles with wide blades used to push boats through the water (p. 6)

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