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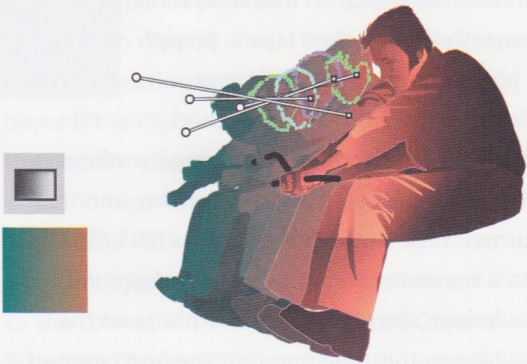
SUBMARINE MYSTERIES AT CHARLESTON

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Using revolutionary technology ahead of its time, the H.L. Hunley inspired international submarine designs for decades. What caused her to mysteriously sink in 1864?
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Steve King

U-Haul celebrates history and natural science with eye-catching images they call “Super-Graphics” displayed on their moving vans. Illustrator Steve King mixes intricate details with simplified shapes in this image of the *H.L. Hunley*, a Civil War submarine. King relied on the Gradient tool to create lighting effects and simulate the transparency of a see-through illustration. He employed a darkening orange-to-blue gradient fill on the submarine from the captain’s lantern backward to the propeller. The Gradient tool gave King the economy of creating a few gradients that he reused as fills for



different objects. To illustrate the faces of four of the seated sailors, King drew shapes that he filled with the same gradient. He used the Gradient tool’s Annotator to customize the length and angle of each sailor’s gradient, which helped tie them together visually while keeping their shapes distinct.