

Online Book Club

The Monumental Mystery on the National Mall

Talk About It!

1. Who was your favorite character in the mystery? Why did you choose that person?
2. If you went on a trip to Washington, D.C., what places would you most like to see on your visit? Why did you choose those places?
3. What do you think the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool would look like without any water in it?
4. Why do you think President George Washington wanted the National Mall built?
5. Why do you think the Statue of Freedom is wearing an eagle on her head?
6. What was your favorite chapter in the book? Why did you like it so much?
7. Why do you think there is a hidden tunnel leading from the Smithsonian Castle to the National History Museum?
8. If you were an aspiring actor, would you like to re-create historical figures like George Washington or Abraham Lincoln for tourists coming to Washington, D.C.? Why or why not?

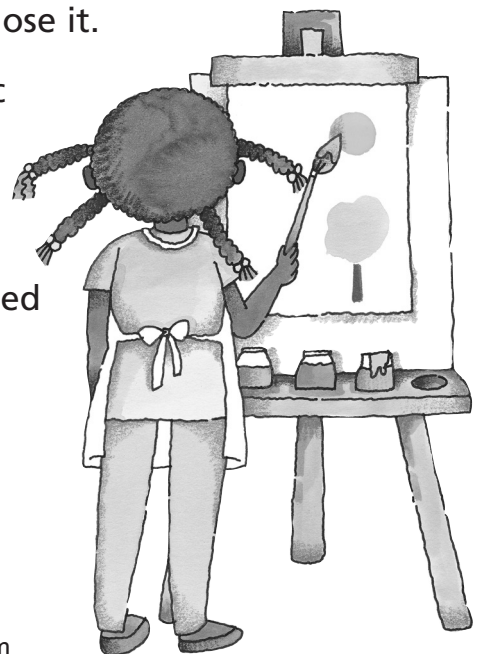


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Bring It To Life!

1. Research the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Make a list of all the museums, monuments, and attractions considered to be part of the National Mall. Circle the places that the kids visited in the mystery.
2. Bring your characters to life! Character tags are very important to a story. They help the reader identify a character by a certain trait. For example, a character may continually have keys jingling in their pocket, or a character might hum when nervous. Mr. Tablebottom has a character tag. Do you know what it is?
3. In the mystery, Tara had an ID badge with a secret symbol on it. Create a secret symbol of your own and make an ID badge. You can get ideas for your symbol from magazines, television, decorative buttons or jewelry—just about anywhere!
4. There are many monuments, gardens, and museums to visit on the National Mall. Pick one that you would most like to visit. Research that place to learn the five W's about it: who, what, when, where, and why. Write a summary to describe the location and why you chose it.
5. Draw it! The Smithsonian Castle is a very majestic red building containing artifacts and artwork. Research some of the artifacts housed there. Draw a picture of one that you find particularly interesting. Write a fictional story about it, and end your story by describing how the artifact ended up in the Smithsonian Castle.



Online Quiz

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Pop Quiz

1. What city did Avery, Ella, Evan, and Sadie fly to on their vacation?

2. True or False? The name of the new friend the kids met is Joanna.

3. Who was the first President of the United States?

4. What speech is Abraham Lincoln famous for?

5. What was the woman with the red-rimmed glasses looking for in the airport?

6. Who was the first astronaut to orbit Earth?

7. True or False? Abraham Lincoln was a farmer.

8. Why is one of the rooms at the Capitol called "The Crypt?"

