Online Book Club

The Mystery on the Great Wall of China

Talk About It!

- 1. Have you ever eaten a fortune cookie? Do you remember what was written on the piece of paper inside?
- 2. Grant mentioned that the man following him had a scar over his eyebrow. What are some other things about a person that you might notice in order to recognize him or her again?
- 3. Have you ever seen or used an abacus? If so, did you think it was a smart way to solve math problems?
- 4. When you read that Grant was not going to return the map as he was instructed in the fortune cookie note, did you think that was a good idea or a bad idea? Why?
- 5. Even though Grant and Christina and Li and Cong were from different countries, they became fast friends. What things do kids all over the world have in common?
- 6. Do you have the "travel bug" like Christina and Mimi? If so, where would you like to visit?
- 7. What does it mean to have "butterflies in your stomach?" Why did Christina feel them when Grant was missing?
- 8. Why were all the pockets in Grant's clothing turned inside out when Christina found him sleeping on the train?
- 9. The Great Wall of China is the world's longest man-made structure—almost 4,000 miles long! How would you prefer to see it—fly over it in an airplane or walk along it? Why?
- 10. If you wrote your own "real kids/real places" international mystery, what country would you choose for the setting? Why?