

# Online Book Club

## Adventure to the Eight Wonders of the World

# Bring It To Life!

1. What's your wonder? Draw and describe your idea for a ninth wonder of the world! Is it a man-made place, or a natural wonder?
2. Find out more! Pick one of the eight wonders mentioned in the book that you find most interesting. Research the place and make a small model of it. Write cool facts about the place on a poster. Then, set up stations around the room for each wonder and go on a "walking tour" around the world!
3. Do a random act of kindness. Drew and Colette helped each other unselfishly and you can do the same. Have each member write his or her name at the top of a piece of paper. Then, pass all the papers in a circle and have everyone write one thing they like about that person. Show your friends what you appreciate about them!
4. Personality Plus! List all the characters in the book. Then, write three adjectives to describe the personality of each person. See how different people can be, and how they can work together to reach a goal!



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# Fascinating Facts

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### The Great Pyramid of Giza

The Great Pyramid of Giza was built for King Khufu, a pharaoh of Egypt. He ordered 100,000 people to make the pyramid. He wanted it to be a giant monument over his tomb. The workers created a pyramid that is 454 feet tall. That's as tall as a 48-story building!

### The Great Wall of China

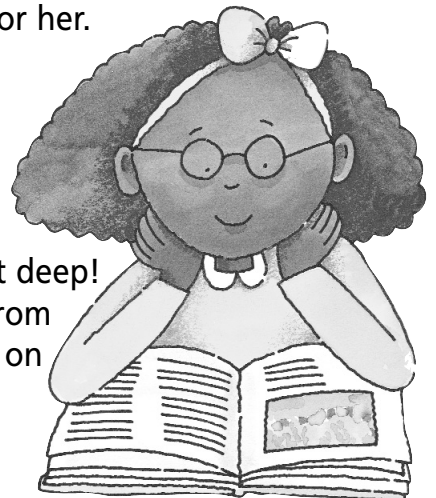
The Great Wall of China was built over 2,000 years ago. It was built to defend China from their northern enemies, the Huns. The wall stretches over 4,000 miles across China. It has special forts with secret entrances and stairways to confuse enemies if the wall was invaded. The wall is so big that astronauts can see it while orbiting the earth!

### Taj Mahal

Many people think the Taj Mahal is the most beautiful building ever built. It is made of expensive white marble with carvings and jewels as decoration. Muslim Emperor Shah Jahan built it for his wife Mumtaz Mahal after she died during childbirth. The emperor built his queen this beautiful tomb as a monument of his love for her.

### Grand Canyon

The Grand Canyon is located in Arizona. It is a giant canyon formed by erosion from the Colorado River. The canyon covers over a million acres of land! In some places, it is over 6,000 feet deep! It was made into a national park in 1919. Now, people come from all over the world to ride down the canyon on a donkey or raft on the Colorado River.



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### **Machu Picchu**

Machu Picchu is an ancient city in Peru built by the Incas. It was a secret fortress located on a high peak between two mountains. The city contained temples, sacred plazas, and houses. Machu Picchu was specially designed to be invisible from below to protect the Incas from invasion. Explorers have found many temple artifacts and mummies in its ruins.

### **Leaning Tower of Pisa**

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is a bell tower in Pisa, Italy. It is famous because it leans nearly 17 feet to the south. During construction, the uneven soil under the tower caused the foundation to sink and lean. The tower continues to sink today. Many scientists are working hard to prevent this landmark from falling over.

### **Mt. Everest**

Mt. Everest is the tallest mountain in the world. It is located in the Himalayan mountain range in Nepal. Many people have tried to make the dangerous climb to the mountain's summit. On their way to the top, they have little oxygen to breathe and face ice avalanches and hurricane-force winds.

### **Giants Causeway**

The Giants Causeway is a famous geographic feature in Northern Ireland. It is special because of its unique rock formations. Some people think they were formed by volcanic eruptions. The lava from the volcano hardened and created 40,000 columns of rock. An old myth says the Causeway was actually a road built by giants to get to Scotland!

# Online Quiz

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### Pop Quiz

1. True or False: The kids got into a spitball fight in the Alpine McAlpine school library.

2. Who built the skywalk the kids visit at the Grand Canyon?



3. What is the name of the jet the kids ride to their adventures?

4. Who was Finn MacCool?

5. What is a hollow?

6. What do the kids put on top of Mt. Everest?

7. What does Machu Picchu mean?

8. What did the kids find at Machu Picchu?





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**Scavenger  
Hunt**



1. a straw (but don't go shooting spitballs!)
2. a picture of a cat
3. a piece of pizza
4. a notebook and a pen (so you can write down Ms. Bogus' riddles!)
5. a pair of tennis shoes (we're going on an adventure!)
6. binoculars
7. a picture of one of the eight wonders the kids visit
8. an American flag
9. a helmet (for whitewater rafting!)
10. a rubber snake



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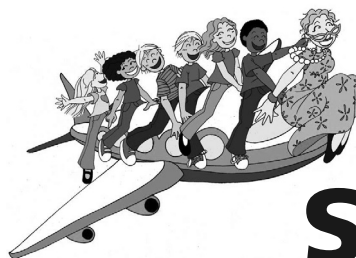
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### Talk About It!

1. Who was your favorite character? Why?
2. What was the most exciting part of the book? Why?
3. If you could visit any of the eight wonders, which one would it be? Why?
4. Have you ever been on a really cool field trip? Where did you go? What was your favorite part about it?
5. The kids made fun of Ms. Bogus before they met her because they heard that she was a crazy cat lady. They find out that Ms. Bogus isn't crazy at all. Discuss why you should not judge people before you meet them.
6. In the beginning of the book, Sarah says she doesn't really like to travel. Do you like to travel? Why or why not?
7. Drew and Colette both decide they won't let their fears keep them from having fun. What is your biggest fear? Discuss how you could overcome your fears like Drew and Colette.
8. During their adventures, the kids help each other find the clues. Discuss why it is easier to get things done when you work with a team.
9. Do you think the kids went on a real adventure or do you think they imagined it?
10. Have you ever been on a big adventure? Where did you go? What kinds of things did you find or see while you were there?



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# Word Search

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BOGUS

HUALAPAI

STARBOARD

TREASURE

SPITBALL

JOLLY

RIDDLE

MUMMY

CANYON

WHITEWATER

MOUNT EVEREST

SCROLL