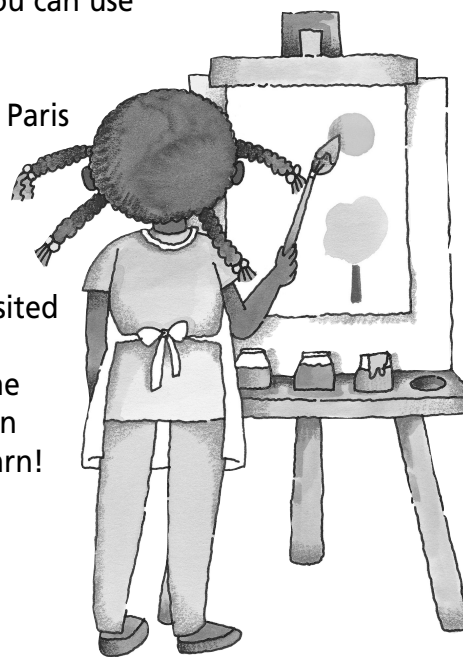


Online Book Club

The Mystery at the Eiffel Tower

Bring It To Life!

1. Have a feast of French crêpes! Find a book club member whose parents will help make some French crêpes. Then ask everyone else to bring toppings like powdered sugar, chocolate syrup, strawberries, peaches—whatever suits your taste!
2. Bring a character to life! Ask each book club member to choose Jean-Luc or Marie. Then, ask them to create new information about each character—their favorite color, what they like to do in their spare time, what they like to wear, what subject they enjoy in school; whatever you like!
3. Create a French tourist attraction game! Assign a tourist attraction (Eiffel Tower, catacombs, Notre Dame, etc.) to each book club member. Ask that person to find a picture of his or her attraction, and research three facts about it. Ask each member to present his picture and information to the group. At the end of the presentations, see who can remember the most about each attraction. Award two points for remembering the name of the attraction, and one point for remembering a fact. The person with the most points wins (of course)!
4. Put on a play! Ask book club members to vote on their favorite scene in the book. Ask for volunteers to play the characters and a narrator. You can use the book as your script, or write your own!
5. Map it Out! Find a big map of France, or make one. Label Paris and other major cities. Identify mountains, farming areas, and coastal areas. Where would you like to live in France, and why?
6. Bring in a guest speaker! Do you know anyone who has visited France? If so, ask him or her to come in and share their photographs and stories with your group. If they have some euros, ask your speaker to bring them, too. Be sure to listen closely and ask lots of questions! That's the best way to learn!



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Fascinating Facts

France

- The French eat more cheese per person than any other country!
- France hosts the world's most famous cycle race every year. The Tour de France stretches for about 2,500 miles and takes cyclists three weeks to complete!
- One of the world's most famous paintings is the "Mona Lisa" in the Louvre Museum in Paris. The woman in the painting doesn't have any eyebrows! It was fashionable in Renaissance France to shave them off.
- The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France to the American people! The statue was built in France, taken apart, and then assembled again in the United States!
- The French people love their bread—there are 35,000 boulangeries, or bakeries, in the country!
- France covers about 180,000 square miles, which is roughly the size of Texas.
- Three famous French leaders—King Henry III, King Louis XVI, and Napoleon—all suffered from ailurophobia, which is the fear of cats!



Online Quiz

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Fact or Fiction?

Write Fact or Fiction next to each question below.

- _____ 1. Christina and Grant arrived in France in the Mystery Girl.
- _____ 2. Crêpes are French pancakes.
- _____ 3. A bust is a sculpture of a person from head to toe.
- _____ 4. The Mona Lisa is a famous French painting hanging in a French cathedral.
- _____ 5. Jean-Luc and Marie's mother used to work as a tour guide in Paris.
- _____ 6. Grant becomes separated from the other children in the Galeries Lafayette department store.
- _____ 7. All the clues Christina found were written in French.
- _____ 8. A gargoyle is a guard who stands at the entrance to the Louvre Museum.
- _____ 9. Some of the walls in the catacombs are actually stacks of bones.
- _____ 10. The woman in the trench coat rode the elevator to the top of the Eiffel Tower with the children.



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Talk About It!

1. Have you ever visited a foreign country? Which one did you visit, and what was it like?
2. Have you ever had pen pal? If so, what did you write about? What kind of things did you learn from you pen pal?
3. Do you like to visit museums? What do you like about them, and what don't you like about them?
4. What did you think about Christina, Grant, Jean-Luc and Marie being allowed to walk around Paris by themselves?
5. At the end of several chapters, various adults make telephone calls after they have chased the children or observed them doing something they should not have been doing. Who did you think the adults were calling on the phone?
6. What did you think happened to Grant when he disappeared from the train?
7. What did you think about the catacombs? Would you like to go there? Why or why not?
8. Would you have eaten a snail?
9. What did you think was going to happen when the woman in black got on the elevator with the children at the Eiffel Tower?
10. Do you think any storm is strong enough to blow over the Eiffel Tower?
11. Would you like to have grandparents like Mimi and Papa who took you around the world to solve mysteries? Do you think Mimi, Papa, Christina, and Grant are real or fictional characters, or both?

