

# Online Book Club

## The Mystery of the Grand Canyon

### Bring It To Life!

1. **Map it Out!** On a large map of the United States, map out the route you would take to travel from your home state to Arizona. List the states you would pass through. Would it take less time to fly there or drive there?
2. **Party Hearty!** Have a fiesta with Mexican food found throughout the southwestern United States. Ask parents to help you make dishes like tacos, enchiladas, burritos, and sopapillas. (Don't forget the chips and salsa!) Wear southwestern-style clothing like cowboy hats, jeans, boots, bandannas, bola ties, or sombreros!
3. **Get Lost!** Divide into two teams. Imagine being lost in the Grand Canyon. Each team has a backpack full of supplies like Grant and Christina's, except your walkie-talkie is broken. What would you do? What would you eat? How would you get help? Write your ideas on the board and see which team has the best plan!
4. **Mold It!** Use modeling clay to create your own ancient pottery vessel. Paint it with your own personal design. Explain to the group how it may have been used—for decoration, special ceremonies, or for everyday use.



**Fact**

or

**Fiction**



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Write Fact or Fiction next to each sentence below.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Red is Mimi's favorite color.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Gusta is Nampeyo's older brother.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Christina and Grant both saw a phantom warrior in a red feather headdress behind their heads in a photograph.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Christina enjoyed seeing all the animal heads mounted in the hotel lobby.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Nammie adopted Dani and Marisa when they were babies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Mimi gave both Christina and Grant a backpack with supplies to use on their Grand Canyon hike.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Grant broke his walkie-talkie before he had a chance to use it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The beauty of the Grand Canyon brought tears to Christina's eyes when she finally had a chance to see it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Visitors to Four Corners Navajo Tribal Park can stand in one spot and be in the four states of Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The park rangers found Nammie's pottery stashed in an abandoned shack near the entrance to Grand Canyon National Park.

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### Talk About It!

1. Who was your favorite character? Why?
2. When Grant and Christina first saw the phantom warrior in the digital picture, did you think it was a real person? Why or why not?
3. Why did Papa tell the kids to take nothing but pictures in the Grand Canyon and leave nothing but footprints?
4. Mimi told Christina that the easiest way to make yourself unhappy is to compare yourself with another person. Why is that, and what can you do to avoid that in your life?
5. There are many things to do at the Grand Canyon like hiking, fishing, camping, and exploring. You can also ride on a river raft, a plane, a train, a helicopter, or a mule. What would you like to do at the Grand Canyon?
6. What was the scariest part of the book? Why?
7. Why do you think Christina was so concerned about the little girl she saw in the canyon?
8. What was your favorite part of the book? Why?



# Write a letter!

Christina, Grant, Mimi, and Papa love to hear from their friends. Write a letter to your favorite Carole Marsh Mysteries Character. Mail your letter to:

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Sincerely,