

# Online Book Club

## The Mystery at Fort Sumter

# Bring It To Life!

1. Game Day! Select three volunteers to play a game similar to "Jeopardy." Ask three other book club members to write three questions each about the mystery. Select a host to ask the questions. The first person to raise their hand gets to answer the question. The person who answers the most questions correctly wins!
2. Write down the names of all of the characters in the mystery on slips of paper. Fold the slips, and put them in a box. Ask each member to select a slip of paper from the box. Each member should then answer the following questions as if they were the character they selected. What part of the story is your favorite and why? What makes you so important to the story? Then ask other book club members "Who am I?"
3. Find a map and pictures of Fort Sumter. Draw and label a diagram of Fort Sumter on a poster. Include the following: officer's quarters, hospital, location of cannons, and weapons storage places.
4. Look for recipes that soldiers might have eaten during the Civil War. Plan a day, and have each member make a dish and bring it in to share.
5. Examine drawings and pictures of a Fort Sumter cannon. Research how the cannons work. Discuss what it would have been like to fire the cannon. What would you have seen, felt, heard, and smelled while you were firing a cannon during battle?



# Online Quiz

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### Pop Quiz

1. How many soldiers were killed before Fort Sumter surrendered?
  - a. none
  - b. fourteen
  - c. thirty
2. What was the first state to secede from the Union?
  - a. New York
  - b. South Carolina
  - c. Florida
3. Whose body goes missing?
  - a. Miss Lonesome's
  - b. Aunt Gullah's
  - c. Aunt Lulu's
4. What is the name of the bookstore where Christina and Grant meet Ashley and Cooper?
  - a. The Page
  - b. The Blue Bicycle Bookstore
  - c. The Book Nook
5. What is the black market Christina asks the bellman about?
  - a. a place where stolen artifacts could be sold
  - b. an art gallery where black velvet paintings are sold
  - c. a Halloween specialty store
6. Who drops a napkin with a message on it for Grant?
  - a. Cooper
  - b. the bellman
  - c. Ashley
7. Who calls Christina on Mimi's cell phone the first time?
  - a. Aunt Lulu
  - b. Cooper
  - c. Mimi
8. Why does the bellman follow the children around Charleston?
  - a. because he is trying to catch them stealing artifacts
  - b. because he is trying to get Mimi's autograph
  - c. because Papa has asked him to keep an eye on the kids



# Know your SAT Words!

**Mystery Name: The Mystery at Fort Sumter**

## SAT Words



1. Amputate: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Bleak: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Defend: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Enormous: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Reluctant: \_\_\_\_\_

Write a sensational sentence using all five SAT Words from this mystery.

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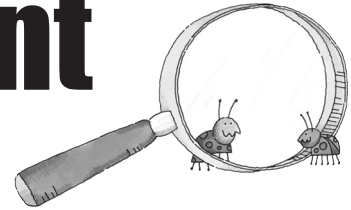
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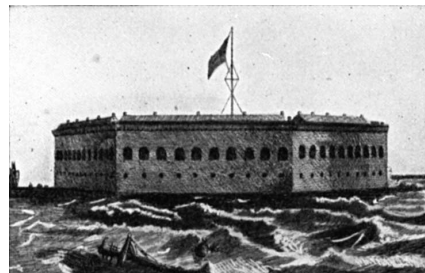
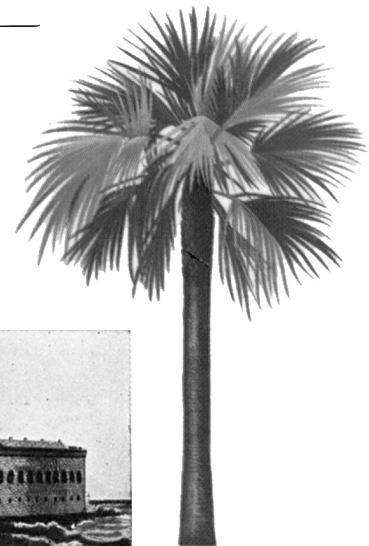
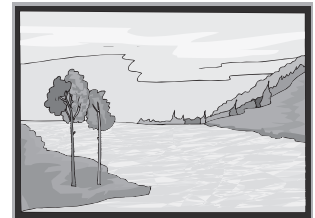
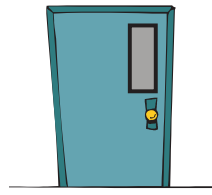
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# Scavenger Hunt



Want to have some fun? Let's go on a scavenger hunt! See if you can find each item either in the book or when you visit the real place. Good luck! *(Teachers: You have permission to reproduce this page for your students.)*

1. \_\_\_\_ The Citadel Military College
2. \_\_\_\_ A blue door
3. \_\_\_\_ Fort Sumter
4. \_\_\_\_ The Old Slave Market
5. \_\_\_\_ The Blue Bicycle Bookstore
6. \_\_\_\_ S.N.O.B. Restaurant
7. \_\_\_\_ The Sword Gate House
8. \_\_\_\_ Spanish moss
9. \_\_\_\_ Ashley River
10. \_\_\_\_ Palmetto trees



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### Talk About It!

1. What would it have been like to live at Fort Sumter during the Civil War?
2. If you could have an artifact from Fort Sumter or Charleston, what would it be and why? Think about artifacts that have been stolen in this story.
3. Do you think you would like to visit Charleston at Christmas? Which decorations would you like to have at your house?
4. The Gullahs painted their doors blue to ward off evil. What color would you paint your door and why?
5. If you had lived during the Civil War, what historical figure would you have liked to meet?
6. What would you do if you were on the battlefield and you saw your brother or sister fighting on the other side? Would you help them if they were wounded?
7. If you had been at Fort Sumter before the first shot was fired, what would you like to say to the generals of both armies?
8. What would you buy with a ten-dollar bill in a bookstore?
9. Describe how you would feel in the middle of a battle, with cannonballs flying around you and soldiers shooting at each other? What would you do?
10. What is your favorite part of the mystery? Why?

