### Online Book Club

The Mystery at the Space Needle

# Bring It To Life!

1. Take a trip back in time! Pretend you are in Seattle, Washington, during the 1962 World's Fair, in the era of the Space Age. Research the new inventions featured at that time. How do they compare to our lives today? Create a poster to show pictures and make comparisons.

2. Create a story idea about the Space Needle and use your friends as characters. Write a short plot, and create a storyboard to outline the story. Write the first chapter to get people interested in reading it!

3. Research the 1962 World's Fair in Seattle, Washington. How did the city of Seattle prepare for such an event? Why was a Space Age theme selected? How did they get the idea to build the Space Needle? How long did it take to build the monorail? What exhibits were there?

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4. Research some reasons why Seattle, Washington, would be a fun place to go on vacation. Get together with your friends to make a travel brochure of the places you'd like to visit. Use colorful pictures and humorous scenes to make your brochure more fun!

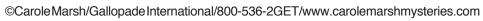
5. What time is it? And how's the weather? Use the Internet to find out the time difference between where you live and Seattle, Washington. Then see what the weather is like compared to where you live. Draw a chart and show your friends.

#### online Quiz

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#### Pop Quiz

- 1. What is a Ferris wheel?
  - a. A giant vertical revolving wheel
  - b. A wheel on a semi-trailer truck
  - c. A roller coaster
- 2. What do the kids find inside one of the tokens?a. A pennyb. A quarterc. A silver dollar
- 3. What did Grant find under the airplane seat?
  - a. Space Needle key ring
  - b. Melted candy bar
  - c. A newspaper article
- 4. Why was the Space Needle built?
  - a. For the 1962 World's Fair
  - b. To serve as a cell phone tower
  - c. To house the world's highest restaurant
- 5. What was the monorail driver's name? a. Tom b. Joe c. Bill
- 6. What nickname did Christina give the guard from the coin shop? a. Meanie b. Hawk Eyes c. Jenna
- 7. What mountain did Grant see through the binoculars?
  - a. Mount Rainier
  - b. Mount Hood
  - c. Mount Everest
- 8. What did Mimi win at the auction?
  - a. Crystal glassware
  - b. Metal box
  - c. Mystery book





## Know your SAT Words!

Mystery Name: The Mystery at the Space Needle

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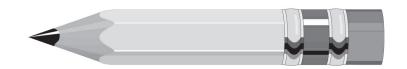
2. oblong: \_\_\_\_\_

3. offhand: \_\_\_\_\_

4. mimic: \_\_\_\_\_

5. undermine: \_\_\_\_\_

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





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Let's go on a scavenger hunt! See if you can find the items below in the mystery and write the page numbers next to each one. (Teachers: You have permission to reproduce this page for your students.)

- 1. \_\_\_\_ Coin shop
- 2. \_\_\_\_ Space Needle key chain
- 3. \_\_\_\_ Giant Ferris wheel
- 4. \_\_\_\_ Space Cage
- 5. \_\_\_\_ Chocolate candy bars
- 6. \_\_\_\_ Yukon potatoes
- 7. \_\_\_\_ KeyArena
- 8. \_\_\_\_ Monorail
- 9. \_\_\_\_ Flying fish
- 10. \_\_\_\_ Paper clip



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## Talk About It!

1. If you wanted to get to the Space Needle observation deck, would you rather use the elevator or take the stairs? Why? What are the pros and cons of each choice?

2. What was your favorite part of the mystery? Why? What did you think was the scariest part? Why?

3. Have you ever ridden a Ferris wheel? Would you like to? Why or why not? Describe the sights and sounds you might encounter that high in the air.

4. Would you like to visit a fish market where workers throw your fish order right past your face on the way to the cashier? Why or why not? Why do you think the fishmongers do that at Pike Place Market?

5. Would you enjoy riding the glass elevator on the outside of the Space Needle to get to the top? Why or why not? What do you think you'd see? How would everything look below the higher you climbed?

6. Which item in the mysterious box Mimi bought would you like to know more about? Why did you choose that item? Make up your own story about that item and its importance to the mystery.

7. Who was your favorite character in the story? Why did you like that person so much? How do you think they would look in real life? Would you like to be friends with them in real life? Why or why not?

8. Pretend you have some coins that you want to hide for a very long time. Where would you hide them? Why?

