

# Online Book Club

## The Mystery at Dracula's Castle

### Bring It To Life!

1. Map It! Find a map of Europe on the Internet. Ask several book club members to draw a map of Europe and label the countries. Color Romania in a special color and decorate it in a special way—maybe with little bats! List Romania's neighbors.
2. Draw it! Name it! Draw a medieval castle like Bran Castle. You might want to draw it at night, with the moon shining bright and a few bats circling around! Then, name your castle. Be creative, be inventive, be spooooooky!!
3. What time is it, really, and what's the weather? Use Internet tools to help you find out the time difference between your home state and Romania. Decide what time it is in Romania compared to the time in your town! Then, decide what the weather would be in Romania today compared to where you live.
4. Make a Teutonic Knight shield! Look for images of the Teutonic Knights on the Internet. Then, find a large cardboard box. Cut the side off the box, and make your own Teutonic Knight shield out of the cardboard. Remember to make a handle on the inside so you can hold it in front of you for protection!
5. Travel to Transylvania! Transylvania is a beautiful and interesting place! Divide into three groups to research Transylvania. One group can research the area's history, another group can research the area's geography, and the last group can research the area's people and how they live. Prepare reports on posters to present to the book club. Be sure to add lots of pictures!

