

Online Book Club

The Gosh Awful Gold Rush Mystery

Talk About It!

1. The children spend a lot of time traveling on The Mystery Girl in this book. Have you ever been in a small plane? Have you ever traveled on an airliner? What do you think some of the differences would be?
2. What did you think had happened to Mimi's necklace when she discovered that it was missing?
3. Did you learn some surprising things about the Gold Rush while reading this book? Make a list of the things you learned and compare your list with other book club members.
4. The kids traveled to a lot of different places in The Goshawful Gold Rush Mystery. Examples include Dahlonega, Georgia; Sutter's Mill, California; San Francisco, California; Seattle, Washington; and Dawson City, Alaska. What was your favorite place? Why?
5. When the bearded man first got his hands on Mimi's purse in the Levi Strauss jeans store, did you think it was a good idea or a bad idea to let him go free, and not call the police? Why?
6. Why do you think the steep path on the Chilkoot Trail was called the "Golden Stairs?" Can you think of another name for it?
7. Were you surprised to find out the truth about Gold Bug? How did you feel about it?
8. Although the odds were slim that people would actually find gold during the Gold Rush, people still flooded out west. What were some things that motivated people to give up everything they had for the chance to find gold? Would you leave your home in search of gold?

