

Online Book Club

Dear Pirate: The Buried Treasure Mystery

Bring It To Life!

- 1. Pen Pals!** Have each book club member ask their mom or dad about a relative or family friend they haven't talked to in a while. Maybe it is a second cousin or an old friend from kindergarten. If you have a current address for that person, write a one-page letter to your new pen pal. You can tell them about yourself, your favorite vacation, your hobbies or your hidden talent—anything you want! Send the letter, and be sure to include your own address so your new pen pal can write you back!
- 2. Costume Contest!** Have each member raid their closets at home to put together a pirate outfit. Be creative! Then, at your next meeting, have each member show up in their costume. Take pictures and ask a book club member's mom or dad to judge the contest. The best pirate wins!
- 3. Ahoy, Matey!** Write down as many pirate words as you can think of and their meanings. Make sure everyone contributes. After each member has seen the list, put it away. See how long you can hold a conversation using only pirate words. Ye best try yer hardest, or else ye'll walk the plank!
- 4. X marks the spot!** Have each member find a map of their favorite state. Have everyone draw a small X on a city they'd like to visit. Then have them pass the maps to the person next to them and see if they can find the X. The person to spot the first X wins! After the group has found all the Xs, have each member explain why they would like to visit that city. What adventures await them there?

