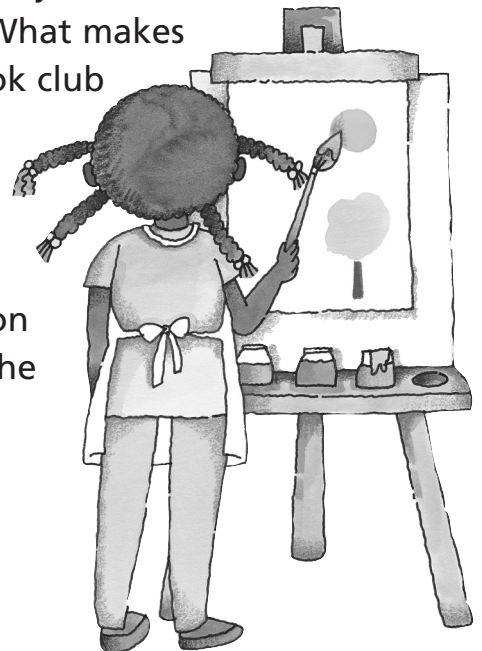


Online Book Club

The Mystery at Mount Vernon

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. Pretend you are an archeologist working on the grounds of Mount Vernon. What would you hope to find and what would it tell you about Mount Vernon? Where on the property would you be most likely to find this object?
3. 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?"
4. Go on a virtual tour of Mount Vernon! Go to Mount Vernon's Official website to find the following items: a key from Bastille, the Washington family Crest, a brass griffin, burnt glass and nails, the dove of peace, letters from George to Martha Washington.



Online Quiz

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Pop Quiz

1. What are Ha-Ha walls?
 - a. high walls with covered with comic strips
 - b. low walls that keep in livestock without blocking the view
 - c. glass walls that keep people out of an area inside a house
2. What was one set of George Washington's teeth made out of?
 - a. hippopotamus ivory
 - b. wood
 - c. plastic
3. What animal gets the best of Grant twice?
 - a. a pig
 - b. a mule
 - c. a sheep
4. Where did the kids spend the night?
 - a. in George Washington's bedroom
 - b. at the bottom of the stairs in The Passage
 - c. in the cupola
5. George Washington named his horse:
 - a. Martha
 - b. Dandy
 - c. Blueskin
6. What are hoecakes?
 - a. cupcakes that are so hard you have to eat them with a hoe
 - b. pancakes cooked on a hoe over an open fire
 - c. sweet biscuits given to a child after his/her chores are done
7. What does Washington's sarcophagus have engraved on it?
 - a. a wild turkey
 - b. an eagle
 - c. a dodo bird
8. What kind of soup do the kids eat for dinner?
 - a. sheep soup
 - b. peanut soup
 - c. Revolutionary soup



Know your SAT Words!

Mystery Name: The Mystery at Mount Vernon

SAT Words



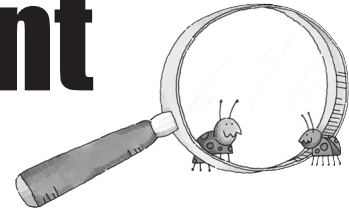
1. Archeology: _____
2. Whine: _____
3. Mischievous: _____
4. Authentic: _____
5. Ominious: _____

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



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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. ____ A key to a prison



2. ____ A Ha-ha wall

3. ____ Peanut soup



4. ____ A knothole

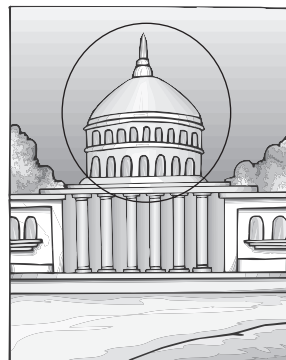


5. ____ A set of false teeth

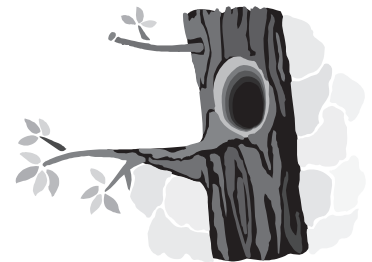


6. ____ A brass telescope

7. ____ A round cupola

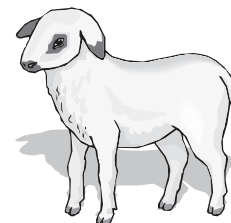


8. ____ Hoecakes



9. ____ A harpsicord

10. ____ A sheep



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Talk About It!

1. What would it have been like to live at Mount Vernon when George and Martha Washington lived there?
2. What is your favorite place on the Plantation?
3. What were George Washington's teeth made of?
4. What would it have been like to be at Valley Forge during the winter?
5. Of all the jobs at Mount Vernon, which would you most want to do? Why? Which job would you least want to do?
6. How did George Washington's experience as a surveyor help him create the Mount Vernon we see today?
7. Why doesn't Christina believe Grant's story about Frank? Would you believe Grant if you were Christina?
8. Why is it so scary when Christina, Grant, Nellie, and Patrick are locked in the gates with George and Martha's sarcophagi?
9. Describe the dress for well-to-do families visiting Mount Vernon. Do you think you would want to wear these clothes? Why or why not?
10. Why did George Washington keep both horses and mules at Mount Vernon?

