

Online Book Club

The Great Train Mystery

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. On a piece of paper, list the PROS and CONS of being a pioneer traveling out west before train travel made it easier and safer. Discuss your views. Instead of listing the PROS and CONS, try naming one pro/con and see what others say.
2. The Denver Union Station was described as being the future of train stations. From the description in the story, do you agree? Is there anything you would add to make it even more "futuristic"?
3. Discuss what you felt was the scariest part of the story. What made it seem so scary to you?
4. Discuss how Grant and Christina were "in the right place at the right time," as Papa alluded. How might things have gone differently if they had not been on the train?
5. Who was your favorite character and why? Do you share any personality traits with him/her? If so, what are they?
6. Who was your least favorite character and why?
7. Christina called Grant "nosy" at the start of the story. Do you think this is necessarily a bad trait to have? How does it help or hurt the story?
8. In small groups, list some important events that take place in the story. Choose one of the events and change it. How does this change the outcome of the story, if at all?

