

# Online Book Club

## The Mystery on the Bayou

# Bring It To Life!

1. With the help of an adult, look online for a recipe to make beignets. Don't forget to sprinkle them with tasty powdered sugar!
2. Hide a treasure, then draw a treasure map that gives clues to its location. Invite a friend to try and find the treasure by following the map!
3. Blow up a balloon or use paper towel rolls or boxes to create your own papier mache figure. Mix equal parts of flour and water together. Tear newspaper into strips. Dip the strips in the flour and water mixture to saturate, slide the strips between your fingers to remove the excess, and apply the wet strips to the balloon or other form. Cover with three layers of strips. If using a balloon, leave a small opening at the top so the balloon can be deflated and removed. Allow the piece to dry for 24 hours. Once dry, paint or decorate as desired. Be creative!
4. Research the bayou ecosystem. Why is this ecosystem important? What can be done to protect it?
5. Draw a picture of a rougarou. Make it as scary or as funny as you like. Write a story about the rougarou. Where does he live? How does he feel about humans? What is his favorite food?
6. Mr. Bogs spoke with his frottoir. Use cardstock to make your own frottoir. Fold paper like a fan. Punch holes in the top and attach a string to go over your head so that you can wear it over your chest. Play it with a pencil or a popsicle stick.



# Online Quiz

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# Pop Quiz

1. Where did Avery meet Roseline?
  - a. in first grade
  - b. at a summer camp
  - c. at a cheerleading competition
2. What is Roseline's last name?
  - a. Bergeron
  - b. Dumont
  - c. Hebert
3. What is a bayou?
  - a. a lake located in a swamp
  - b. a slow-moving stream or river
  - c. another name for a bay
4. Roseline's boat was painted in which two colors?
  - a. red and white
  - b. blue and white
  - c. yellow and white
5. Evan fell in the water when he mistook \_\_\_\_\_ for green grass.
  - a. cypress knees
  - b. salvinia
  - c. duckweed
6. What is the meaning of "Mardi Gras"?
  - a. Fat Tuesday
  - b. Party Day
  - c. Ash Wednesday
7. Which U.S. president fought in the Battle of New Orleans?
  - a. John Quincy Adams
  - b. Theodore Roosevelt
  - c. Andrew Jackson
8. What island were Mimi, Papa, and Sadie stranded on?
  - a. Rougarou Island
  - b. Alligator Island
  - c. Bogs Island



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### Talk About It

1. If you could spend a week exploring New Orleans or a week exploring the bayou, which would you choose? Why?
2. If you could meet the famous pirate Jean Lafitte or General Andrew Jackson, which would you choose to meet? Why?
3. In the story, Roseline told the kids about a family legend of her great-great-grandfather's disappearance after wounding what was believed to be a rougarou. What do you think really happened to him?
4. Have you ever eaten a crawfish? Do you think you could throw live crawfish into boiling water to cook them? Why or why not? Which food described in the mystery would you most like to try?
5. Would you like to be a treasure hunter? If you found one of Jean Lafitte's buried treasure chests, what do you think would be inside?
6. Avery's little sister was afraid of alligators in the story. Are you afraid of alligators? Why or why not?
7. While in the New Orleans Airport, Evan brought some beignets to Avery to help her feel better. Why does a gift help you feel better when you are sad or upset?
8. If Avery had not visited her friend Roseline and helped solve the mystery, what do you think would have happened to Roseline and her family? Would they have left the bayou?
9. The ancestors of the Cajuns had to learn to speak English instead of French, but many still speak a form of French. What language did your ancestors speak? Can you speak that language or know any phrases in that language?
10. What was your favorite part of the mystery? Why?

