

# Online Book Club

## The Voracious Volcano Mystery

### Bring It To Life!

1. It's the same difference, right? Have each member of the group come up with as many oxymorons as they can. Nick and Curie already came up with Little Grand Canyon and jumbo shrimp. See what you can think of! If you get stuck, ask a member's parents for some help.
2. Make your own robot! Have each member find a square cardboard box. Cover the box with aluminum foil. Then, find things around the house like buttons, flashlights, or shiny ribbon. Decorate the box to look like your very own robot. Does it talk? What does it do?
3. What would you say? Create your own bumper stickers like Nick and Curie have on the back of their van. Come up with funny phrases and write them on rectangular pieces of paper. Then, use tape to attach the homemade bumper stickers to a special notebook—maybe the one you use for Book Club.
4. Nick and Curie used the Internet to help them find information to solve the mystery. You can be a detective, too! Have each member pick one thing about volcanoes that interests them (it could be eruptions, lava, ash...whatever). Then, have each member research that topic using google.com, yahoo.com, or ask.com, and present a short report to the group. Be sure to ask lots of questions to learn as much as you can!



# Online Quiz

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# Pop Quiz

1. What does HR stand for?
2. Where do Nick and Curie first test HR?
3. True or False? Yellowstone is considered a supervolcano.
4. What did the men want to steal from Curie?
5. What was HR's code?
6. Why did Suni Ki want to steal HR?
7. In what year did Mount St. Helens last erupt?
8. What kind of convention was going on at the hotel?



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### Talk About It!

1. Have you ever seen a volcano? Would you like to visit one? Why or why not?
2. Are you more like Nick or Curie? Explain why.
3. What was your favorite part of the book? Why? Was it exciting, scary, or happy?
4. Artemis meets his old college friend, Bob Conners, at Yellowstone National Park. He tells Nick and Curie that sometimes you lose track of your friends even when you don't mean to. Have you ever lost track of a good friend? What can you do to keep in touch with friends you have now?
5. Artemis gave the rights to his invention to the Amputee Coalition of America. Do you think that was the right thing to do? Why or why not?
6. Nick and Curie catch the thieves at a coin collectors' convention. Do you like to collect anything like coins, stamps, dolls, or baseball cards? If so, talk about why you collect that certain thing. Why did you start? How many do you have? What's your favorite?
7. Nick and Curie couldn't prove that Suni Ki was a thief until they found "substantial evidence." Do you think saying someone did something wrong is enough, or should you have to prove they did something wrong?
8. The kids put fake coins into the thieves' pockets because the same move worked once in a movie they had seen. Do you think things from movies can work in real life? Why should you be careful about trying movie stunts?
9. Nick and Curie decided not to tell their father about the listening device on their van because they wanted to know more before they went to him. Do you think they did the right thing? Why or why not?

