

Online Book Club

The Mystery at Cape Cod

Bring It To Life!

1. Take an imaginary trip! Look at a map of Cape Cod. Describe the shape of Cape Cod. Why is Cape Cod a peninsula? Using the map and the Internet, find all the places that Christina and Grant visited. Have each member of the book club choose a place they want to see. Collect pictures and a description of each place. Now, it's time to travel! Have each member discuss their place and the things that you would see, hear, touch, smell, and taste there.
2. Have a Cape Cod feast! Discuss all the special foods that you might eat on Cape Cod. With help from parents, have each member bring a dish to share.
3. Make a Cape Cod National Seashore plant and wildlife display on shelf paper for a bulletin board or table display. Draw the outline of the seashore and ocean. Make cone-shaped dunes from construction paper to represent sand dunes. Color the drawing and glue sand to the seashore. Using your book and the Internet, make a list of plants, shellfish, birds and other animals that live on the seashore. Have every member choose one item and draw a picture of it on construction paper. Make sure that every thing on your list is selected. Color it appropriately, cut it out, and pin or paste it to the display. Now, write a paragraph about that item. Discuss its habitat, what it eats, how it grows, and why it makes its home on the seashore. Have each member read their paragraph to the group and tape it to the item it belongs with on the display.
4. Write down the names of all 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?"

