

Online Book Club

The Mystery on the Great Lakes

Bring It To Life!

1. Using a map of the Great Lakes, locate several lighthouses. Have each member of the book club choose a lighthouse to draw. Then, as a group, brainstorm things a Great Lakes lighthouse would see if it had eyes. Use the items to write a poem called, "Ode to a Great Lakes Lighthouse." Paste the poem to the drawing to display.
2. 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?"
3. Rock-N-Roll! Have each book club member choose a favorite rock star they think should be added to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Using a shoebox make a mini exhibit to honor that special star. Use magazines, pipe cleaners, paints, markers, fabrics, and any other materials you can find to make a detailed exhibit.
4. Spin a shipwreck Tale of the Great Lakes. As a group, book club members can brainstorm words that they think of when they think of ships, storms, and shipwrecks. Members can break into groups of two and three to write a short story about a shipwreck. Remember that all stories should have a beginning, middle, and an end.
5. Go online and download the song, "Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald," by Gordon Lightfoot. List the details you hear in the song to see how well it matches historical facts. How accurate is it?

