

Online Book Club

The Mystery at Big Ben

Bring It To Life!

1. Build a clock tower! Get some boxes, glue, scissors, and an alarm clock. Make a design on paper first, and then create your own miniature Big Ben!
2. Create a British tourist attraction game! Assign a tourist attraction (Big Ben, The Eye, Tower of London, etc.) to each book club member. Ask that person to find a picture of his or her attraction, and research three facts about it. Ask each member to present his picture and information to the group. At the end of the presentations, see who can remember the most about each attraction. Award two points for remembering the name of the attraction and one point for remembering a fact. The person with the most points wins (of course)!
3. Hide some clues! Pass out one piece of different-colored paper to each book club member. Let each person individually hide their piece of paper in the room somewhere while everyone else has their eyes closed. Search for the papers, and decide who had the best hiding place!
4. Bring in a guest speaker! Do you know anyone who has visited England? If so, ask him or her to come in and share their photographs and stories with your group. If they have some British money, ask your speaker to bring it, too. Be sure to listen closely and ask lots of questions! That's the best way to learn!
5. Make up a story! Everyone gets involved in this one. Ask club members to sit in a circle. One club member starts a story about a prisoner who escapes from the Tower of London. He or she can say two sentences. Then, the next member to the right adds more information—but just two sentences. Keep going around until the prisoner finally escapes to freedom!

