

# Online Book Club

## The Mystery of Biltmore House

### Bring It To Life!

1. The Biltmore House had electricity, which was a real luxury in the time it was built. Discuss all the things you do each day that require electricity. Start with getting out of bed in the morning, go through your typical day, and end with going to bed at night. You'll probably be amazed at your dependence on electricity!
2. Make a map of how the characters in the story got to the Biltmore House. Stacy came from Asheville, Michael came from Tryon, and Trent came from Spartanburg, South Carolina. People came to the Biltmore House from nearby states. Add the states and nearest major cities that border North Carolina.
3. Have a scavenger hunt! Gather the following things that you might find in a Halloween Room—a black cat (it doesn't have to be real!), two black things, three orange things, the numbers on the telephone that spell B-O-O, a pumpkin pie recipe, a candle, something that glows in the dark, and a mask!
4. Do the math! If it took 1,000 workers 5 years to build the house, and each person worked 10 hours a day, 6 days a week—how many man-hours did it take to complete the house?

