

Online Book Club

The White House Christmas Mystery

Bring It To Life!

1. What do you do when the lights go out? Talk about all the things you should have on hand in case the electricity goes off at night in your house. What are some reasons that the electricity might go off? Name as many things in your house as you can that use electricity!
2. Can reading make you hungry? Ask book club members to recall the delicious meal the children had in the White House State Dining Room (Chapter 11). Have them list all the adjectives used to describe the meal. Discuss how descriptive words make a scene in a book come alive!
3. Game Day! Select three volunteers to play a game similar to "Jeopardy." Ask the other book club members to write three questions each about the mystery. Give the volunteers a clicker to use when they want to answer the question. Select a host to ask the questions, and see who wins!
4. Ask each book club member to choose his or her favorite room in the White House. Then, ask each student to draw the room, or find pictures of things that might be in the room and put them on a poster. For example, the florist shop would be full of beautiful flowers, or the Oval Office would have a large desk, a fireplace, couches, and chairs.

