

Online Book Club

The Mystery in New York City

Bring It To Life!

1. Map it Out! Find a map of the United States. List the states that Grant and Christina would have traveled through if they had driven from your state to New York City. After you list the states, make a new list and put them in alphabetical order. Then, make another list by size—list the smallest state first and the largest state last!
2. Put on a play! You will need four actors. Three actors will portray immigrants coming into the United States through Ellis Island. The other actor will portray an immigration agent asking the immigrants questions. The agent should ask them their names, where they came from, where they are going, and why they have come to the United States. He will decide whether each immigrant is admitted to the U.S. Make up interesting answers to the questions, use accents, wear costumes—make it fun!
3. Are you a city person or a small-town person? Divide your group into two teams—those who would like to live in a small town, and those who would like to live in a city like New York. Leave two members out of the groups to serve as judges. Each group should list all the advantages of their way of life—and be persuasive! The judges will decide where they would like to live based on what they hear from each group!
4. Create a slogan! “I Love New York” is a recent New York slogan. Make up a new one now that you know so much about New York!

