

Online Book Club

The Baffling Baseball Mystery

Bring It To Life!

1. Take an imaginary baseball road trip! Look at a map. Using the map and the Internet, find all the places that Christina and Grant visited. Have each member of the book club choose a place they want to see. Collect pictures and a description of each place. Now, it's time to travel! Have each member discuss their place and the things that they would see, hear, touch, smell, and taste there.
2. Play a game of baseball! Find the rules of the game on the Internet or in a book. Discuss them. Divide into teams. Name each team and decide what uniforms each should wear. If playing outside, bring regular equipment. If playing indoors, use soft bats, balls and bases. Have a scorekeeper. Play a couple of innings.
3. Write down the names of all 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?"
4. Brainstorm ideas about what makes going to a major league baseball game a fun experience. What would you hear? What would you eat? What smells would you experience? Have the members of the book club split into teams and create video commercials to get people to come out to a baseball game.
5. The kids watched several baseball movies. Pick a baseball movie you would like to see and rent the movie. Think about food you would have at the ballpark, such as popcorn, peanuts, hot dogs, and hamburgers. With help from parents, have each member bring a dish to share. Now, enjoy your stadium food and a baseball movie!

