

Online Book Club

The Great Train Mystery

Bring It To Life!

1. Play a game! Split your book club up into two groups. Have each person write down three questions about the book. Remember: the questions can be very minor details about the book or big plot questions. Anything goes! Choose a host to ask the questions to each team. The team that knows the most about the book wins!
2. In the beginning of the book, Grant and Christina race through the train so they can watch the dome close. Try to remember the details of what they saw. Do you think this was a good way to show the layout of the train? Do you think you could draw it? Bonus: The story never says where Mimi and Papa and Miss Tess sleep. Try to imagine where their sleeper cars might be. Be creative!
3. Miss Tess prepared hot cocoa and biscuits in an impromptu stop along the Oregon Trail. Sound appetizing? Would you like to try other pioneer meals? Do some research; then, with your parents' help, prepare some yummy pioneer dishes to share at your book club meeting.
4. Create a train! Divide into groups and gather art supplies like empty oatmeal containers, empty toilet paper or paper towel rolls, colored paper, poster board or cardboard, markers, crayons, cotton balls, pipe cleaners, and glitter. Use your imagination to build a train! Make it fun! Make it flashy! Name it something fancy!

