

Online Book Club

The Mystery at Hollywood

Bring It To Life!

1. Take an imaginary trip! Look at a map of California. Find Hollywood. 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. Discuss all the special foods that you might eat in Hollywood, like avocados, artichokes, garlic, asparagus, olives, eggplant, and fresh figs and dates. With help from parents, have each member bring a dish to share.
3. Make a La Brea Tar Pits exhibit. What prehistoric animals once lived in this area? Make a miniature exhibit of the tar pits during prehistoric times. Use clay to create the animals. Draw or find pictures of skeletons of the prehistoric animals to add to the exhibit.
4. 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?"
5. Brainstorm ideas about what makes Hollywood a fun place to go on vacation. Have the members of the book club split into teams and create video commercials to get people to visit Hollywood.

