



Travel to Adventure

Dear Book Club Host:

Grab your passport and pack your bags, The 39 Clues Book Club's summer long theme is **Travel to Adventure!**

The Clue hunt has led Amy and Dan—and readers—on amazing adventures exploring countries, cultures, history, and mysteries around the world. To continue the global adventure, here are three months' of activities that will take club members on a globetrotting trek all summer long!

Activity 1: Passport to Adventure

Prepare ahead: 1) Photocopy the **Passport to Adventure** handout, making enough copies for every club member. 2) Have pens and pencils available. 3) Have craft supplies, such as scissors, glue, tape, and colored pencils and/or markers available.

For this craft activity, club members will create their own 39 Clues passports they can use to keep track of The 39 Clues books they've read so far, places they've visited in the world, and places they'd like to go.

Activity 2: Famous Landmarks Code Crack

Prepare ahead: 1) Photocopy the **Famous Landmarks Code Crack** handout, making enough copies for every club member. 2) Have pens and pencils available. 3) Familiarize yourself with how the code works, so that you can offer help if needed.

For this activity, club members will test their code cracking abilities by deciphering the names of famous landmarks around the world. Then, they will test their world geography and history knowledge to see if they can match each landmark to its home country.

Answer Key:

OJMF SJWFS:	NILE RIVER (EGYPT)
SZI LZGZK:	TAJ MAHAL (INDIA)
RXCMDX NODQZ GNTRD:	SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE (AUSTRALIA)
BNKNRRDTL:	COLOSSEUM (ITALY)
RSZSTD NE KHADQSX:	STATUE OF LIBERTY (USA)
RSNMDGDMFD:	STONEHENGE (UNITED KINGDOM)

Activity 3: Story Explorer

Prepare ahead: 1) Photocopy the **Story Explorer** handout, making enough copies for every club member. 2) Have pens, pencils, and extra lined paper on hand. 3) Familiarize yourself with the guidelines, so that you're able to explain the activity.

Part of the fun of The 39 Clues is that each book is written by a different author and takes place in a different location around the world. Now club members will get a chance to put their own spin on the Cahill universe. For this activity, they will work in pairs to brainstorm a The 39 Clues adventure story together. Have students write their own stories and then compare with their partner.

Read the instructions on the handout aloud to the group. Spend some time discussing story structure and answering questions.

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Activity 4: Two Truths and a Lie About a Cahill

Prepare ahead: 1) Photocopy the **Two Truths and a Lie About a Cahill** handout, making enough copies for every club member. 2) Photocopy the **Two Truths and a Lie About a Cahill** supplement sheet and cut it into ten strips. 3) Have pens and pencils on hand.

Read the instructions on the handout aloud to the group. If you have more than ten club members, divide the group into pairs or teams. Give one strip to each club member, making sure that everyone keeps their strips hidden. Then, let club members start writing their false statements. You might want to check each club member's fact to make sure it's appropriate.

Activity 5: Calling All Travel Agents

Prepare ahead: 1) Photocopy the **Calling All Travel Agents** handout, making enough copies for everyone present. 2) Have pens and pencils available.

The setting for The 39 Clues series is the entire world! Dan and Amy travel to every continent and explore many countries and cultures on their quest to find each Clue.

For this activity, club members will get to become travel agents! Using guidebooks, online sites, maps, and other resources, have club members plan a trip to one of the cities Dan and Amy visit. Then, have them create a budget that includes cost of transportation, accommodations, food, and admissions.

Activity 6: Plotting a Course

Prepare ahead: 1) Photocopy the **Plotting a Course** handout, making enough copies for each club member. 2) Have pens and pencils available.

In their pursuit of Clues, Amy and Dan often have to travel far—and fast! For this activity, club members will apply their math skills to plot a route across the globe that gets Amy and Dan to their destination as quickly as possible.

Read the instructions on the handout aloud to the group. Then, have club members work independently to solve the math puzzle.

Answer: New York City to London to Paris to Vienna

Thanks for joining us on this summer adventure. See you in the fall!

—The 39 Clues Book Club

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Famous Landmarks Code Crack

Amy and Dan visit many famous landmarks throughout the world. To be a top agent, all Cahills need sharp code-cracking and geographical skills. Use the code below to decipher the names of six of these landmarks. Draw a line matching each landmark to its home country.

Code:

A=B, B=C, C=D, etc...Z=A

Landmarks

MHKD QHUDQ

SZI LZGZK

RXCMDX NODQZ GNTRD

BNKNRRDTL

RSZSTD NE KHADQSX

RSNMDGDMFD

Countries

Australia

USA

Egypt

United Kingdom

Italy

India

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Travel to Adventure Story Explorer

One of the great things about The 39 Clues series is that each book is written by a different author and takes place in a new location throughout the world.

Now it's your turn to take Amy and Dan on an adventure to a new spot anywhere in the world. Where would you like them to visit next? Working with a partner, start by brainstorming ideas. Then, use the questions below to create an outline of your story. When you've finished, use the back of this page (or additional sheets of paper) to write a short The 39 Clues adventure story on your own. Then compare stories with your partner.

Setting: Where does your story take place? What season is it? Will the story have multiple locations or just one?

Character: Besides Amy and Dan, which The 39 Clues characters appear in your story? What do you like about them? What are their strengths and flaws?

Plot: What happens in the beginning of your story? The middle? The end? What Clue or artifact are they searching for? What is the conflict? Is there a problem that occurs in the story? If so, how does it get resolved?



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Two Truths and a Lie About a Cahill

Many famous people throughout history were secretly allied with different branches of the Cahill family all over the world. Each of these people is famous for certain achievements, but there are also fun facts about their lives that are less well known.

For this activity, you'll get a strip of paper that has the name of a famous Cahill and two fun facts about that person. There's also space at the bottom to make up a phony fact. You will then read the three facts aloud to the group in mixed-up order, and get each club member to guess which one was the one you made up. For each club member who guesses wrong, you get a point!

Here are some tips to help you trick your fellow club members into guessing the wrong facts:

1. Invent a fake-fact that fits in well with the other two facts.
2. You might want to rephrase the two true facts in your own words so that they won't sound different from your made-up fact.
3. Don't stumble over any words in the true facts, which is a sure tip-off that you didn't write it!

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Benjamin Franklin: You may know this American thinker and writer as the founding father of the United States (and secret Lucian), but did you know...

...he invented bifocals.

...he invented the glass harmonica.

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Abraham Lincoln: You probably know that this American president (and secret Ekaterina) led the fight to end slavery, but did you know...

...he sometimes hid his bank account records inside his hat.

...he once agreed to fight a duel using a broadsword, but his dueling partner chickened out.

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Harry Houdini: You may know that this Hungarian-American escape artist (and secret Janus) was the most acclaimed stage magician of his day, but did you know...

...he once agreed to stage an escape from the belly of a whale.

...he and his brother worked as a team until they fell in love with the same girl, who later became Houdini's wife and new stage partner.

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Isaac Newton: You may know this British inventor (and secret Lucian) for his theory of gravity, but did you know...

...he worked as an undercover agent catching counterfeiters for the London Mint.

...he predicted that the world might end in 2060.

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Annie Oakley: You may know this American entertainer (and secret Tomas) as the first superstar sharpshooter, but did you know...

...her real name was Phoebe Ann Mozee.

...she could split a playing card in half by shooting a hole through the thin edge from seventy-five feet away.

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Marie Curie: You may know that this Polish-born physicist (and secret Ekaterina) won two Nobel prizes, but did you know...

...she got her education at an illegal secret college called "The Flying University."

...she got married in her lab clothes instead of a wedding gown.

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Mark Twain: You may know this American author (and secret Janus) as the author of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, but did you know...

...he had to be rescued from drowning seven different times as a child.

...before he was a writer, he wanted to be a chocolate maker.

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Josephine Baker: You may know this American entertainer (and secret Janus) as the first female African-American movie star, but did you know...

...she often performed with her pet Cheetah who wore a diamond collar.

...she won a medal for helping the French during World War II.

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Napoleon Bonaparte: You may know this Corsican military leader (and secret Lucian) as the first Emperor of France, but did you know...

...he may have died because of poisonous vapors that seeped out of his wallpaper.

...he made his brothers and sisters the princes, kings, and queens of the nations that he conquered.

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Dwight Eisenhower: You may know this American leader (and secret Tomas) as the winning general in World War II and the 34th president of the United States, but did you know...

...he and his brothers were all nicknamed "Ike", so his older brother became "Big Ike" and his little brother became "Little Ike."

...he had never been elected to any office until he was elected president.

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Travel to Adventure Calling All Travel Agents

Pretend that you are a travel agent who has been asked by an adventurous explorer to plan a three-day summer trip to one of the cities Dan and Amy Cahill have visited. Use guidebooks, The 39 Clues books, online sites, and maps to help you come up with an itinerary. Use the space below (and on the back) to make notes on the research you've done and to plan your itinerary and budget.

1. What is the name of the city and country you've selected?
2. How much would it cost to get to this place?
3. What are some famous landmarks in the place you chose?
4. What other cities and countries are nearby?
5. What is the weather like?
6. How do you get around once you're there (taxi, train, walk, etc.)?
7. What kinds of local foods are served there?
8. Are there any customs/traditions tourists should be aware of?

Itinerary:

	Day 1:	Day 2:	Day 3:
MORNING	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
AFTERNOON	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
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NIGHT	_____	_____	_____
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Plotting a Course**

Amy and Dan need to get from New York City to Vienna for a top secret mission, but they can't find a direct flight. From the key below, which route will get them to their destination quickest?

Key:

New York City to London: 6 hrs 40 min

New York City to Berlin: 7 hrs 55 min

London to Berlin: 1 hr 45 min

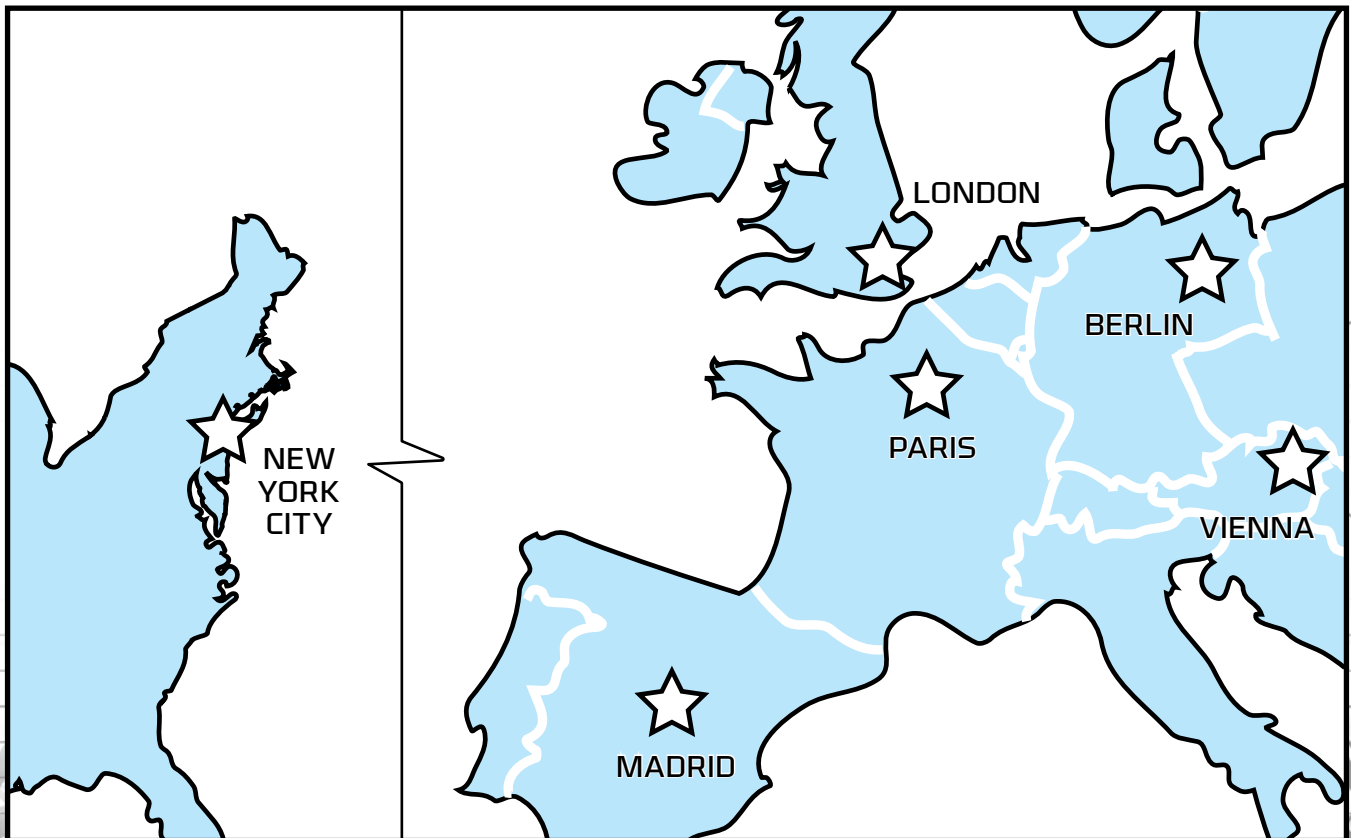
London to Madrid: 2 hr 20 min

London to Paris: 1 hr 10 min

Berlin to Vienna: 1 hr 45 min

Madrid to Vienna: 3 hr 2 min

Paris to Vienna: 1 hr 45 min



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