



The Story Collector

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Club Tome It List Discussion Guide



Pre-Reading Questions

1. What is a historical place or museum that you would like to visit?
2. What if you lived or grew up in an old library, museum or historical building? What would you like to explore? Would you be scared to explore it on your own?
3. Do you like to make up stories or tell stories? What kinds of stories do you like to tell?
4. If you visited a library 100 years ago, how would it be different than a library today?
5. What is something that you like to collect? Do you have anything that is really valuable, old, or rare?

Post-Reading Questions

1. This story is based on a real-life person, Viviani Joffre Fedeler, whose father was the superintendent of a New York City Public Library branch from 1911-1941. How would you like to grow up in a large public library? What could a kid do in their spare time?
2. Have you ever made up a story or exaggerated a truth to impress a new friend? Why is this a bad idea?
3. Have you ever tried a prank that had an unintended result, hurt someone's feelings, or made someone mad?
4. *Spoiler alert* While you were reading did you predict that Mr. Hill might be a thief or do something dishonest before the stamps were stolen? What were some clues that he may have been "casing" the library by becoming friends with Viviani?
5. After the events that end the story, do you think Viviani and Merit will now become best friends?
6. Merit valued truth when it was only based only on real evidence, whereas Viviani had a different viewpoint and stories could have truth without evidence. What is your opinion regarding truth?

Post-Reading Activities

1. What did a library look like 100 years ago? Create a Fan Art project that illustrates your concept using the setting descriptions in the story.
2. At the end of the story, it seems that Viviani and Merit will finally become good friends. Write a Fan Fiction epilogue that explores their new friendship.
3. It is intriguing to appreciate the setting and time period of this story. Design a Promotional Book Flyer that fits the theme and style of this particular time period.

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