DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Sherlock Society
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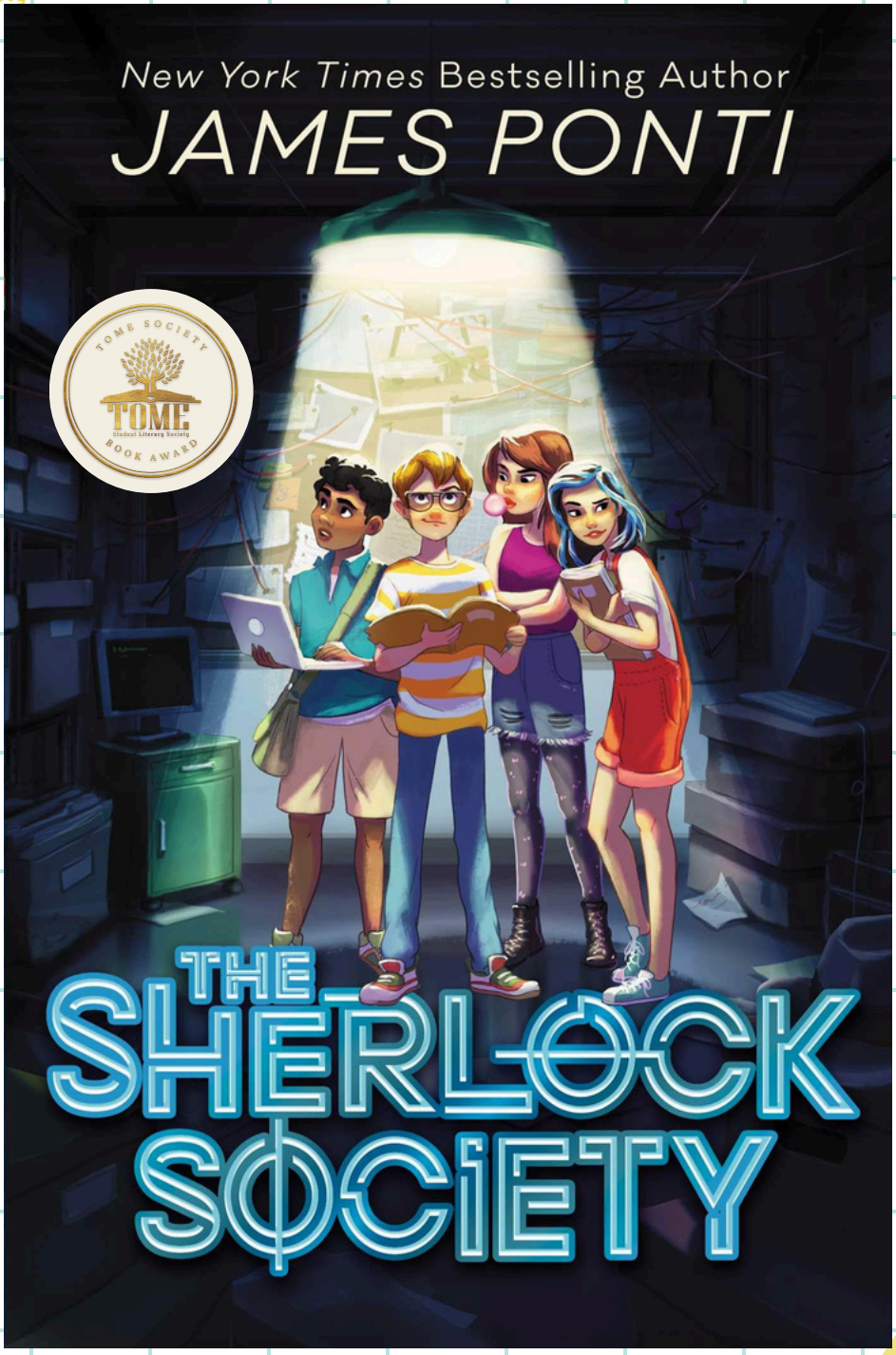

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PRE-READING QUESTIONS

1. The Sherlock Society includes several important family relationships: Alex and Zoe, Grandpa and Alex, Grandpa and Zoe, and Alex and Zoe and their parents. Are you close with your sibling, grandparent, or parent? What is something fun you enjoy doing together?
2. The Sherlock Society takes place in Miami, Florida, and other areas around South Florida. Have you ever been to Florida? What did you like about it?
3. The Sherlock Society references Sherlock Holmes throughout the book. What do you know about Sherlock Holmes?

POST-READING QUESTIONS

1. Alex and Zoe grow closer throughout the book. What drives them to be closer? What do they discover when they start spending more time together?
2. Instead of being a detective agency, the Sherlock Society decides to solve cold cases that Grandpa tried to solve when he was a journalist. If you could have chosen the mystery from the ones the members of the Sherlock Society presented, which one would you have chosen? Why?
3. Zoe's friends are depicted as being bad influences on her. What type of things does Zoe do that show the "influence" her friends have had?
4. The Sherlock Society decides to stop searching for Al Capone's treasure and begin investigating the dumped substance in the Everglades. What motivates them to do that?
5. Why do you think Zoe and her mother have such a difficult relationship throughout the book?
6. Yadi believes in conspiracy theories. What is a conspiracy theory? Why do you think people believe in them?
7. Lina and Zoe grow closer throughout the book. How is their friendship different from Zoe's relationship with her other friends?

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POST-READING ACTIVITIES

1. Al Capone was a real person! Do some research on his life and create an infographic about him. Share what you learned with your group. Follow the competition guidelines to enter your infographic into the Tome Society competition!
2. Become a detective and create a case file about one of the mysteries from The Sherlock Society! Can you find a clue that seemed important at first but turned out not to be? Explain why the clue was misleading and what the characters discovered instead. In your case file, include:
    a. The Mystery: Explain what happened.
    b. The Suspects: Identify the characters who could have been responsible.
    c. Important Clues: Describe the clues the characters discovered.
    d. Best Evidence: Choose the most important clue and explain why you think it was important.
    e. My Theory: Who do you think was responsible? Explain your reasoning using evidence from the book.
    f. Case Closed: Explain how the mystery was finally solved.
3. The Sherlock Society is a series! Book 2, The Hurricane Heist, is out now. Watch the book trailer and make some predictions with your group about what will happen next. Then, check out the book from your library and read it to see if your predictions were correct!

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