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Activity 1

In *The Maze of Bones*, Amy and Dan learn a lot about Benjamin Franklin. Crack the codes below to answer questions about this Founding Father's life. A few of the letters are filled in to get you started. Use these hints for all the questions: A=3, B=4, C=5, etc. ...Z=28

1. What is the name of the famous book that Benjamin Franklin wrote in 1732 that included clever sayings, weather predictions, puzzles, and poems?

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2. In what state was Benjamin Franklin born?

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3. Benjamin Franklin was a well-known inventor and many of his inventions are still used today. One of Franklin's most famous experiments took place in 1752 when he flew a kite in a thunderstorm. What did he invent as a result of this dangerous experiment?

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4. For older students: Create your own algebraic code to hide a biographical detail from Benjamin Franklin's life, assigning numbers to each of the 26 letters of the alphabet. Then test your classmates' code-breaking skills!

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Activity 2

Amy and Dan have uncovered many leads on their Clue hunt by visiting libraries around the world. Use your knowledge of books and libraries to answer the following questions:

1. What non-fiction genre focuses on an individual's life story?
2. What reference book would you use to look up information on the Liberty Bell?
3. Where would you look to find the capital of Mexico and what ocean surrounds Hawaii?
4. What type of book is likely to include the terms "alibi," "clue," and "secret"?

There are a number of different types (or genres) of books you can read. Check which types of books are fiction and which are non-fiction. Then list an example of each from your own reading.

	<i>Fiction</i>	<i>Non-Fiction</i>	<i>Book Titles</i>
Mystery	_____	_____	_____
Humor	_____	_____	_____
Biography	_____	_____	_____
Diary	_____	_____	_____
Fantasy	_____	_____	_____
History	_____	_____	_____
Nature	_____	_____	_____
Reference	_____	_____	_____

Which genre is your favorite, and why?

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What reference book would you use to find the definition of the word "freedom"?



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Activity 3

Pretend you are a travel agent who has been asked to plan a trip for an adventurous explorer. Use guidebooks, encyclopedias, and other books as well as online resources, maps, and additional materials to plan a trip to one of the cities Dan and Amy Cahill have visited—or any place you'd like to go.

The questions below will help you gather information about the destination you have selected. Don't forget to create a budget that includes cost of transportation, accommodations, food, admission fees, and other expenses. Then make a poster or brochure to explain your trip, show the costs, and sell the tour!

1. Name of 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 that tourists should be aware of? _____

Use the space below (and on the back) to make notes on the research you've found and to plan your itinerary and budget.

BONUS: One important city that Amy and Dan do not travel to is the home of the Smithsonian Institution, the United States Capitol, and the Lincoln Memorial. Name this city.

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Activity 4

Each book in The 39 Clues series is written by a different author, so that the story of the adventures of Amy and Dan Cahill passes through many imaginations. To explore the process of creative collaboration, try composing your own story with a group of other classmates. Choose any place in the world you'd like to go, then imagine yourself making a surprising discovery there. Create a paragraph that describes the setting and the surprising thing you've found.

After you've written the first paragraph, pass your paper to the next person in your group, who will write the second paragraph of your story. Continue until the story is complete. Finally, share, compare, and discuss the stories. Did the story end up how the original author thought it would?

Extra Activity: Tikatok

If you would like to see one of your tales come alive as a book, go to **Tikatok.com/summerreading**, where you can use Tikatok's free book editor and writing tools to create your story, add illustrations, and produce a complete online book. For a fee, you can even publish and order printed copies of your story as a hardcover, softcover, or PDF.

BONUS: Where do Amy and Dan head to first in *The Maze of Bones*? HINT: It is home of the Liberty Bell.

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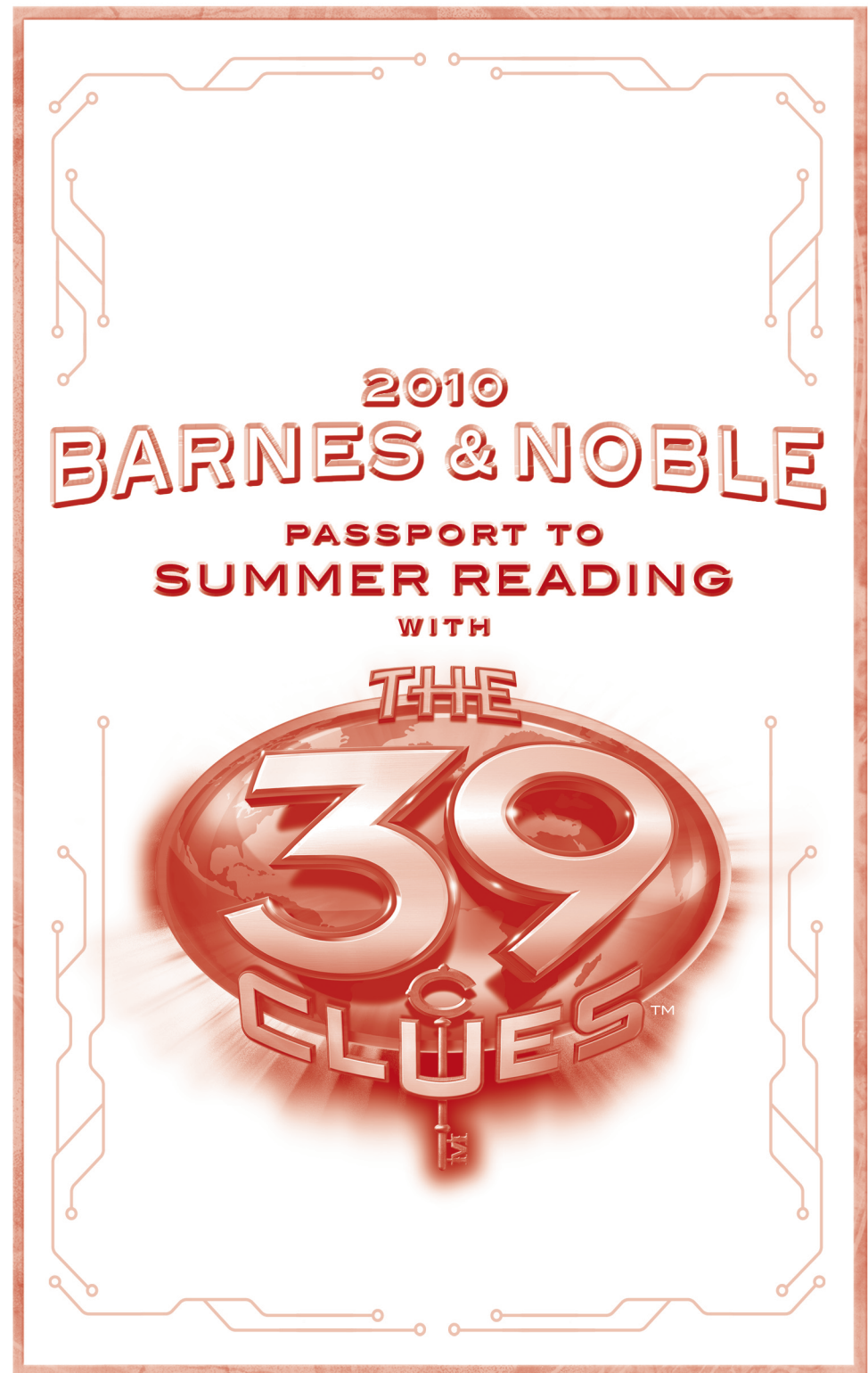
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