

# RANGER'S APPRENTICE

## **RANGER'S APPRENTICE BOOK CLUB PROGRAM: TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL BOOK CLUB**

To get you started, here are some suggestions for organizing and running your book club. Remember, no two book clubs are alike, so cater these tips however you see fit. As your book club progresses, you will likely add your own unique activities and rituals to this basic outline.

And remember to have fun!

### **ORGANIZING THE BOOK CLUB**

Once you sign your group up for the Ranger's Apprentice Book Club on [rangersapprentice.com](http://rangersapprentice.com) start publicizing to your school/library and recruiting your reading group. Ask fellow teachers and librarians to mention it to their students and patrons, and put up signs with the necessary details in high traffic areas of the school or library. The book club materials are organized into quarterly meetings, so assign books 1-2 to the readers to get them started.

### **WELCOMING THE GROUP**

You might attract students from different classrooms or schools, so make sure to break the ice with a few games and welcoming activities. Ask participants to talk about their favorite scene in a Ranger's Apprentice book.

### **BOOK DISCUSSION**

The majority of your meeting should be dedicated to the book discussion. Prepare a list of questions based on those that we provided in each Ranger's Apprentice Book Club packet to start off the group, and be flexible with the flow of the conversation. Make sure everyone who is interested in participating gets their voice heard. Additionally, if there are some members who aren't participating, encourage them to try – if it is clear some members haven't read, turn your attention to predictions for future books and the series. And transition to the extension activities.

### **EXTENSION ACTIVITIES**

Time to flex your creative muscle! These activities can be worked into the time allotted for your Ranger's Apprentice Book Club, or assigned to bridge the time between book club sessions. See the suggested extension activities in each Ranger's Apprentice Book Club packet, and change them however you need for your readers.

### **BOOK RATING AND TAKE AWAY**

At the end of your Ranger's Apprentice Book Club meeting, ask your members what they thought of the books. Can you rate it from 1-10? Would they be able to review it if the town or city paper needed a review for *Ranger's Apprentice* in their next issue? Finally, assign the next group of *Ranger's Apprentice* books, and schedule the next meeting time.