

MYSTERY GENRE GAME

WHAT MYSTERY GENRE CHARACTER ARE YOU?

INTERACTIVE

EDITABLE

READY-TO-PLAY

GRADES 5-8

Someone threw eggs at a house on your street last night, breaking two windows. You are most likely the person who...

Red	Blue	Yellow	Purple	Green
Examines the scene and tries to figure out who did it.	Agreed to help with the plan and threw some of the eggs.	Came up with the plan and convinced everyone else to go along with it.	Lives in the house that was damaged.	Saw what happened and can describe the people involved.

*Remember: If two answers fit you equally well, you may choose both.

Mystery Genre Game

AMATEUR SLEUTHS
Teen detectives who can't resist a mystery.

- ☐ Each and Every Spark (Swinarski)
- ☐ Secrets of the Broken House (Souders)
- ☐ The Free State of Jax (Nielsen)
- ☐ Blood in the Water (Jackson)
- ☐ Death by Whoopee Cushion (Grant)
- ☐ Smoke & Mirrors (Ransaw)
- ☐ Benny on the Case (King)
- ☐ It's Watchin'! (Currie)
- ☐ Olivetti (Milington)
- ☐ Crushed (Conkin)
- ☐ Opal Watson, Private Eye (Thurman)

Color one dot for each answer you choose.

You may not need all the dots.

Mrs. READER PANTS

CHOOSE → COLOR → REVEAL

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Choose the answers that sound most like you.

Your photo appears in a news article about a recent bank robbery. Why?

Red	Blue	Yellow	Purple	Green
You found a tiny clue everyone else missed.	You drove the get-away car.	Investigators found a detailed plan for the robbery.	You were inside the bank when the robbery began.	You were across the street when the robbers ran out.
The robber was caught because of that clue.	Your friend was the robber.	It was written in your notebook.	The robbers stole your backpack to hold the money.	One of them looked strangely familiar.

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Color one dot for each answer you choose.

You may not need all the dots.

Tally your dots!

Make one tally mark beside the color of each answer you choose.

Blue _____

Green _____

Yellow _____

Red _____

Purple _____

Color a dot or tally to reflect your answer.

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Reveal your mystery genre character!

**IF YOU HAVE MOSTLY GREEN DOTS:
YOU ARE THE EYEWITNESS!**



In a mystery, an **eyewitness** is someone who sees an important event happen and can describe what they observed.

Eyewitnesses can provide important information about **what happened, who was there, and what they noticed**. But two people can witness the same event—and remember it differently.

If Eyewitness is your result, you're probably an **observer**. You like to take in what's happening around you, notice how people behave, and watch the action before deciding whether to jump in.

No right or wrong answers—and no complicated scoring!

MEET THE MYSTERY GENRE CHARACTERS



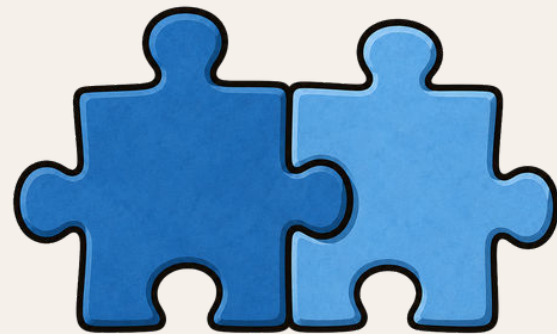
DETECTIVE

Observant • curious •
persistent



SURVIVOR

Resilient • adaptable •
resourceful



SIDEKICK

Loyal • helpful •
dependable



MASTERMIND

Strategic • clever •
determined



EYEWITNESS

Observant • thoughtful •
detail-oriented

Students explore the traits,
archetypes, and roles these
characters play in mystery stories.

BUILD MYSTERY GENRE VOCABULARY

A FUN WAY TO INTRODUCE THE MYSTERY GENRE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL!

Students make connections between:

- character roles and traits
- motives and character choices
- clues and red herrings
- familiar mystery archetypes
- books and movies they already know



HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL GET:



- ✓ 10-question mystery genre game
- ✓ 5 mystery character results
- ✓ Detailed character traits & archetypes
- ✓ Student response cards
- ✓ Book recommendation bookmarks
- ✓ PowerPoint, Google Slides, and PDF

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DO I NEED TO EDIT
ANYTHING BEFORE
STARTING?

You do not need
to edit anything!

This game is ready-to-
go right out of the box.

IS THIS EDITABLE?

Yes!

Text is editable
in PowerPoint or
Google Slides.

HOW LONG DOES
THIS GAME TAKE?

Allow about 15–20
minutes for the game.

Results and discussion
can add another 30–40
minutes and can
easily continue during
another class period.

WHAT LIBRARIANS ARE SAYING



“Well made resource that was low prep, easy to use, and engaging for my students. Definitely recommend!”

— Staci S. | Grades 5-8



“I don't leave reviews often but I wanted to say thank you! I've been using this with my sixth grade library classes and they are SO ENGAGED! We've been having so much fun with this lesson!”

— Megan B. | Grade 6

READY TO DISCOVER YOUR MYSTERY CHARACTER?

Give students a fun way to explore mystery characters, genre vocabulary, and their own personalities—all in one interactive game.

**ADD TO YOUR CART AND
GET READY TO PLAY!**

