A WHISKERVILLE CASE FILE

Nina's Little Detective Discussion Guide

For Nina and the Mystery of the Missing Necklace

A SPOILER-FREE READING COMPANION FOR AGES 5-9



Use these prompts before, during, and after the story. There is no need to answer every question in one sitting. Invite your young reader to point to pictures, explain a hunch, and change a theory when a new clue appears.

? Before the mystery begins

1. What makes someone a good detective?
2. Which details do you notice first in a picture?
3. What would you do if a treasured object disappeared?
4. Which member of Nina's team might notice the first clue?
5. What makes a mystery exciting without making it scary?

? Pause and predict

1. What has Nina noticed that other characters missed?
2. Which clue feels most important right now?
3. Has any clue changed your first idea?
4. What should Nina investigate next?
5. What makes your theory fit the evidence?

My clue tracker

Clue I noticed	What it might mean	My theory now
CLUE 1		
CLUE 2		
CLUE 3		
CLUE 4		

? After the case

1. Which clue helped you most?
2. Did your suspect or theory change? What changed it?
3. How did Nina, Emily, and Paris work as a team?
4. Which character showed kindness, courage, honesty, or careful observation?
5. Did the ending feel fair? Which earlier clue supports your answer?

LITTLE DETECTIVE CHALLENGE

Choose an ordinary object in the room. Describe three details without naming it. Can your reading partner solve the mystery?