Museum Mysteries:
The Case of the Portrait Vandal
Student Work Pages
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left the tour early as he was not happy
Mr. Wu’s newspaper blew away
his wife’s coffee had cream in it
the graffiti paint was wet after Mr. Wu left

Ruthie
was eating a popsicle
made rude and nasty comments often
was sarcastic
there was no black marker in her backpack

Kenny
was unhappy about moving to Capitol City
Stated, “If I tell him I came here to catch you, he’ll believe me.”
stated he would steal and blame it on the “nerds”
made derogatory remarks about others

4 Sleuths
in the wrong place at the wrong time
they are smart, capable, kind, and responsible
Mr. Poole accused them of writing graffiti
they are kids and kids are usually up to no good

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This story takes place in the American History Museum. Clementine’s favorite part there was the Hall of American Artists. Of the exhibits in that museum mentioned in the book, which do you think would be your favorite and why?

Name ______________________________   Date ____________

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Which one of the following museums would you like to visit first? Write a paragraph about why you would like it best. Who would you invite to tour it with you? Why?

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American History Museum

Air and Space Museum

Natural History Museum
Many hurtful statements were made in The Case of the Portrait Vandal. The statements showed fixed, negative opinions about groups of people towards individuals. What could you say instead? Think about when you may have heard such statements. What can we do when we hear things like this to help make the world a better place?

At the end of the book Raining forgives Mr. Poole if Mr. Poole will promise to be more open-minded to people he never met. It was difficult for Raining to forgive Mr. Poole. Do you think it was the right thing for Raining to do? Why or why not?