

COOP KNOWS THE SCOOP

by TARYN SOUDERS

Activity Kit

Make your own WINDY BOTTOM SWEET TEA

Gramps sure loved his sweet tea! He'd have it every night while sitting in his recliner. And he wasn't the only one—practically the whole town of Windy Bottom, Georgia, drank sweet tea. In *Coop Knows the Scoop*, Mrs. Alcott states, "The news [of Harley's engagement] was enough to make people forget to sweeten their tea." For most places south of the Mason-Dixon line, sweet tea is a staple. Many households have it readily available in the fridge, or you can find it in almost all restaurants. Try making some of your own—see how you like it!

INGREDIENTS

- 3 family size tea bags (or 6–8 regular-size tea bags if you don't have family size)
- 2 cups sugar—feel free to use a little more or a little less
- Water

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Add 2 cups of sugar to a gallon pitcher and fill with just enough water to cover the sugar.
2. Stir until the sugar is dissolved.
3. Fill a saucepan with about 4 cups water and add your tea bags. Heat the water but remove the saucepan from the heat just before the water starts to boil. (Boiling tea can cause it to become bitter.)
4. Put a lid on the saucepan and let the tea bags steep in the water for about 10 minutes.
5. Pour the hot tea concentrate into your pitcher of sugar water (throw away the tea bags) and mix well.
6. Fill up the rest of the pitcher with cold water until full.
7. Chill in the refrigerator.
8. Serve over ice (add a lemon wedge if you want!).

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Create your own version of the board game CLUE!

For those really hot days of summer, stay indoors and design your own version of the board game, Clue, using the settings and characters from *Coop Knows the Scoop*. Then play with friends and solve the mystery!

CLUE setting ideas:

If you want to use the town of Windy Bottom as your game board layout, choose from these:

- A Latté Books
- Burma's Cut 'N' Curl
- Comforted Souls Funeral Parlor
- Home of the Feather sisters
- Harley Goodman's house
- The playground
- Windy Bottom Gas and Bait Store
- Windy Bottom bank
- Dollar Daze general store
- Windy Bottom Baptist

If you want to use a house as your game layout board, choose from these:

- Attic
- Kitchen
- Living room
- Master bedroom
- Staircase
- Study
- Backyard
- Front yard
- Dining room
- Bathroom
- Guest bedroom

For your possible suspects, choose from these:

- Harley Goodman
- Ruth Feather
- Meriwether Feather
- Burma
- Earl Winston
- Lear Stowinn
- Tabby Goodman
- Suds O'Leary
- Delilah Goodman
- Keith Vidler
- Cooper Goodman
- Liberty Gordon
- Justice Gordon

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Play Crime Scene BINGO!

1. With your parent's permission, visit <https://myfreebingocards.com/bingo-card-generator> and create your own BINGO cards.
2. For the generator, use terms like suspect, crime scene, detective, witness, evidence, fingerprints, police, poison, means, motive, opportunity, murder, theft, forensics, jail, case, judge, jury, or any others you like.

*** To make cards specific to *Coop Knows the Scoop*, try using elements from the story to enter into the BINGO generator. Some ideas are listed below:**

Characters: Coop Goodman, Liberty Gordan, Justice Gordan, Beauregard Knapp, Delilah Goodman, Earl Winston, Meriwether Feather, Ruth Feather, Harley Goodman, Tabby Goodman, Burma, Angus Knapp, Lear Stowinn, Tick, Keith Vidler

Clues: muffins, poison, mustard, playground, dress, camera, film, ledger, suitcase, poison ledger, W's, geography map, typewriter, goodbye note

Setting: Windy Bottom, A Latté Books, Cut 'N' Curl, Windy Bottom School, the playground, Comforted Souls Funeral Parlor

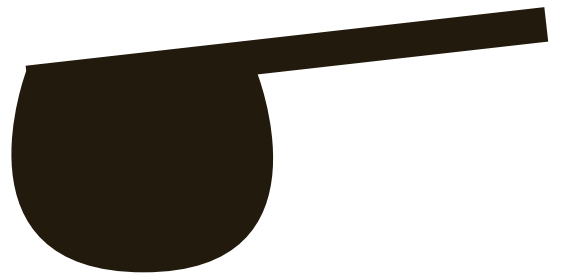
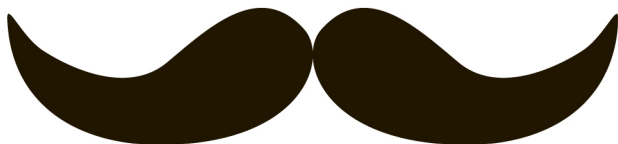
Windy Bottom's Most Wanted PHOTO BOOTH

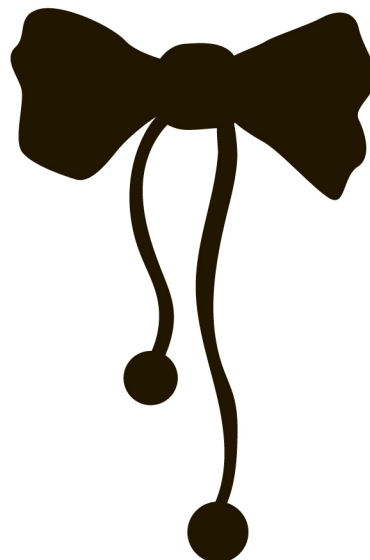
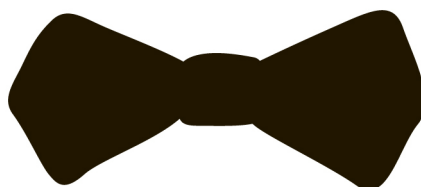
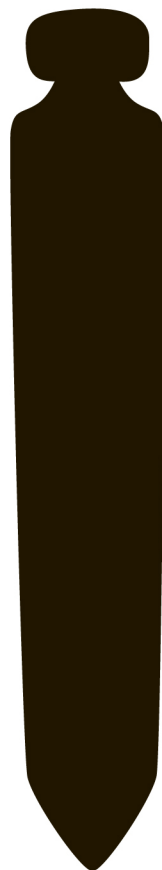
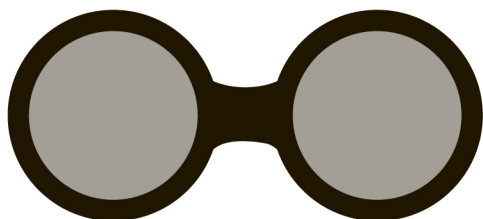
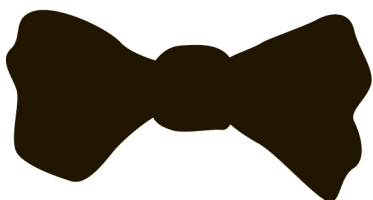
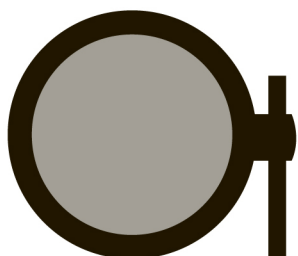
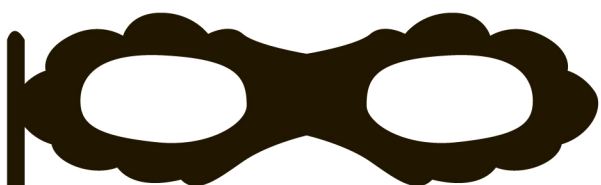
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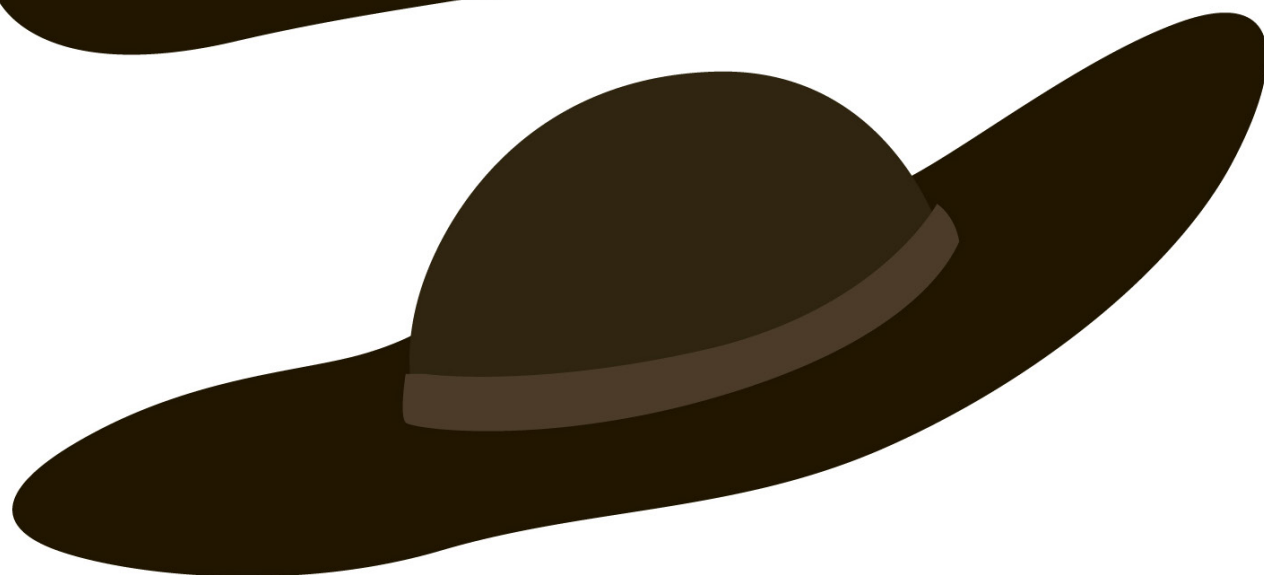
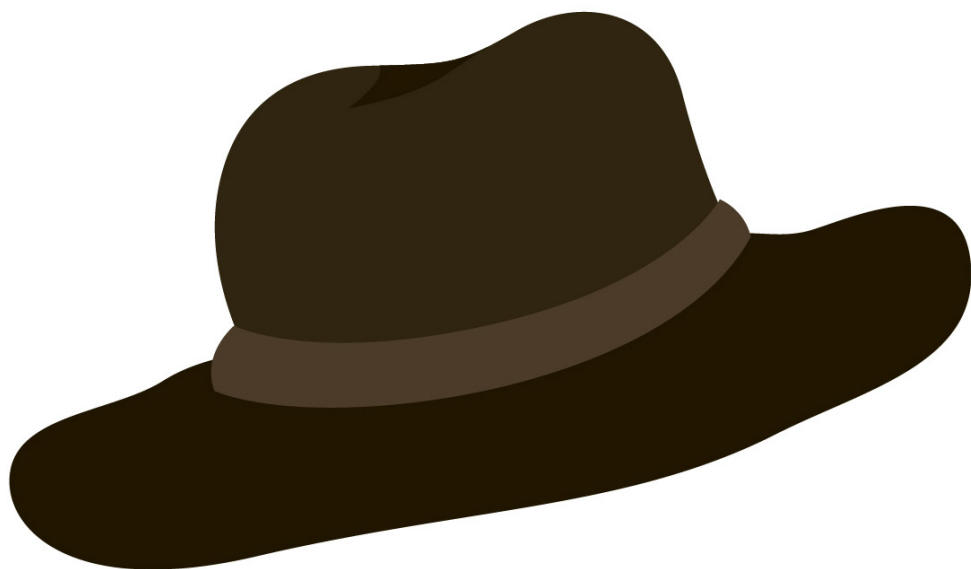
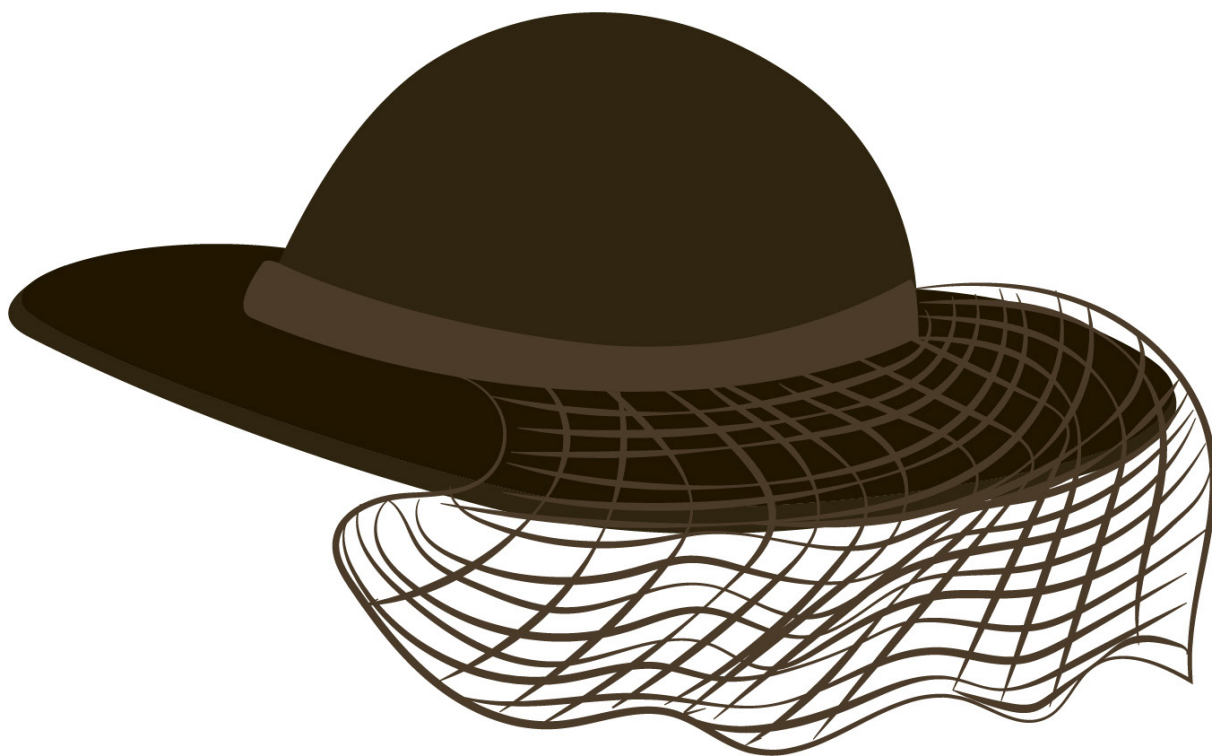
- **Some ideas include:** mustaches, hats, glasses, beards, eye patches, a placard to hold with your name and criminal ID number, and more!
- Glue your creations to straws or wooden skewers so you can hold them.
- Get together with friends and start taking photos.
- Create your own Most Wanted wall!

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Write Your Own MYSTERY!

1. Grab some paper and a die.
2. Roll one die to see how many suspects you have. If you roll a number less than three, roll again. You should have at least three suspects.
3. Roll the die again to see what the crime was.
 - 1 = Bank robbery
 - 2 = Theft of priceless emerald necklace
 - 3 = Murder
 - 4 = World-famous piece of art is stolen from museum
 - 5 = Dog-napping of World Champion Dog Show winner
 - 6 = Graffiti is discovered sprayed all over the school's wall

Now start writing! Create your suspects and write your story! Make sure to leave clues for your readers to find.

How's your MEMORY?

One of the challenges of working a cold case is you must rely on people's memories. **Print the cards from the next few pages on cardstock and cut them out.** Play this game of Memory based on *Coop Knows the Scoop!*

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