

Gisterhood Gleanths

Outreach Program

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Chapter 10

The Gathering (Facilitator Narrative)

1. Chapter Overview

Following the clues from the gala and the break-in, Chloe, Lily, Gil, and Raj are led by Mrs. Greene into the hidden tunnels beneath Upland High. Their descent leads to an underground chamber beneath the Madonna of the Trail, where they meet the wise historian Arthur Wren and other guardians of truth. Arthur reveals the history of The Obsidian Eye—an artifact from Mesopotamia said to reveal truth and protect its bearer from deception, though it comes with great risk. The group learns that The Society already has the Eye, and the race to recover it begins. Together, the Sleuths realize this battle is larger than they ever imagined—but now, they have allies and purpose.

2. Core Life Lessons

- Knowledge and Responsibility: Understanding power means accepting the duty to use it wisely.
- Wisdom Through Mentorship: Every generation passes on courage and truth to the next.
- Hope and Alliance: Unity with others brings strength against fear and injustice.
- Legacy of Courage: Real heroes are those who act not for glory, but for truth.

3. Character Focus

Chloe – Grows as a leader who listens, learns, and unites others.

Lily – Represents curiosity and empathy, reminding the group why they fight.

Gil & Raj – Logical protectors who turn fear into strategy.

Mrs. Greene – The bridge between old wisdom and new courage.

Arthur Wren – The mentor archetype—seasoned, principled, and quietly heroic.

4. Learning Discussion Prompts

1. Why do you think the tunnels were hidden for so long?
2. What does The Obsidian Eye symbolize?
3. How does Arthur’s story change the team’s understanding of their mission?
4. Why is mentorship important when facing danger or uncertainty?
5. How does this chapter show that knowledge can both protect and endanger?

5. Connection to Real Life

Students learn the importance of mentorship, courage, and responsibility. The Gathering mirrors real-world challenges—how young people inherit the task of protecting truth in a confusing world. It teaches discernment: to seek knowledge, but to respect its power.

6. Suggested Activities

- Symbol Hunt: Students design their own “artifact of truth” and explain its purpose.
- Timeline of Truth: Create a visual timeline connecting ancient artifacts to modern discoveries.
- Mentor Letters: Write a letter to someone who inspires courage or integrity.
- Cipher Map Challenge: Create or solve a coded map based on tunnels beneath a familiar landmark.

7. Song Connection

Song: “Whispers of the Forgotten”

Lyric tie-in: “Truth waits beneath the silence.”

This song parallels the chapter’s message that wisdom is often hidden—and courage is required to uncover it.



Student Worksheet – Ages 10–12



Writing / Reflection

1. What did the group find under Upland High School?
2. Why is The Obsidian Eye so important?



Multiple Choice / Quick Response

- Who leads them into the tunnels? (a) Mrs. Greene
- Who explains the history of The Obsidian Eye? (b) Arthur Wren
- What is The Obsidian Eye said to do? (c) Reveal truth and protect its bearer



Puzzle / Cipher Exercise

Word Puzzle: What does The O B S I D I A N E Y E see?

→ “The Eye Sees Truth.”



Song Connection

Whispers of the Forgotten – 'Truth waits beneath the silence.'

Why is it brave to look for truth, even when it's hidden?



Student Worksheet – Ages 13–15



Writing / Reflection

1. What lesson does Arthur Wren teach the group about knowledge and danger?
2. How does the meeting in the underground chamber change Chloe and Lily's view of The Society?



Multiple Choice / Quick Response

- What warning does Arthur give the Sleuths? (a) The Society will eliminate anyone who threatens them
- What does the underground chamber symbolize? (b) Hidden wisdom waiting to be rediscovered
- Why is The Eye both powerful and dangerous? (c) It can reveal deception—but also attracts greed



Puzzle / Cipher Exercise

Cipher Code (A=1, B=2): 20-18-21-20-8 23-1-9-20-19 2-5-14-5-1-20-8

→ TRUTH WAITS BENEATH.



Song Connection

Whispers of the Forgotten – 'Truth waits beneath the silence.'

Why do you think wisdom often hides where few people look?



Student Worksheet – Ages 16–18



Writing / Reflection

1. What does The Obsidian Eye represent on a philosophical level—truth, morality, or control?
2. How does mentorship between Mrs. Greene and the Sleuths reflect intergenerational knowledge transfer?



Multiple Choice / Quick Response

- Why is Arthur Wren’s knowledge essential to the mission? (a) He connects historical truth to modern corruption
- What deeper moral question does The Eye raise? (b) Can truth itself be too powerful to handle responsibly?
- Why does the team’s unity matter more than The Eye’s power? (c) Because truth without teamwork can’t survive against manipulation



Puzzle / Cipher Exercise

Cipher Riddle: “I reveal what’s hidden but blind I remain; I guard truth’s light through darkness and pain.”

→ THE OBSIDIAN EYE.



Song Connection

Whispers of the Forgotten – 'Truth waits beneath the silence.'

How does this lyric connect to learning, leadership, and personal growth in your own life?

