

The Million Dollar Mystery

A Night of Mystery and Mayhem Worth Millions!

The millionaire, Robert Red, was mysteriously murdered in his mansion!! Robert's friends, relatives, and workers are surprised and saddened to learn about his death. The police remain puzzled as to who could have taken the millionaire's life.

As one of Robert's close friends, you are invited to his will reading party where you will receive your share of the inheritance money. **HOWEVER**, during the party, you and everyone else will be working to figure out who is responsible for Robert's death. Once you solve the puzzle, you will receive the money Robert promised to each of his friends in his will.

Who will be to blame? Was it Doctor Turquoise in the family room with the stethoscope? Chef Mustard in the kitchen with the candlestick? Or possibly Professor Periwinkle in the park with the poison?

Before you can receive your share of the millionaire's wealth, a culprit must be found!!!

Host Guide

Thank you for choosing *The Million Dollar Mystery!*

This comprehensive packet includes everything needed to host your murder mystery party—one that will have your kids talking about it for weeks, if not longer.

This mystery party is easy-to-run and fun for everyone. All of your guests have active roles in the game as suspects or investigators. Throughout the game, the kids will be asked to think not only about their own role, but WHO could have done the crime!?!? The Million Dollar Mystery is certain to be a hit with all of your guests.

The following pages contain a short list of things the host does to ensure a successful party. Once the party starts, you will be surprised at how the party flows on its own with the guests having the time of their lives!

Assigning the Characters

- **What age is this mystery for?** This party is formatted for 8-12 year olds. The kids will need to know how to read for the game to flow smoothly. Adults or older friends can also help non-readers.
- **Who should be the host?** An adult should host and manage the party. To ensure that everything runs smoothly, the host should read through all of the materials well before the party date.
- **Because this party needs a minimum number of guests,** you should determine ahead of time which guests are attending before assigning characters.
 - The invite should be sent early with an RSVP date of two weeks before the party. Once your guests confirm, you can send them their complete invitation and character description. You can download an invitation to send via email at: <http://www.nightofmystery.com/invitations.php>
- **What if I don't have enough guests?** Siblings, parents or friends can fill in for any of the missing primary characters. Once the minimum number of guests have confirmed and arrived, you are all set. The other character roles are helpful but not essential to the success of the party.
- **The culprit will not know they are the guilty party until you hand them their confession sheet at the end of the party.**
- **Is this a murder mystery?** Yes. The millionaire (Robert or Rita Red) has already died and the kids will be sleuthing out who the culprit is. There will be no additional deaths at the party. Please be advised that the upcoming murder mystery party may touch on themes related to food allergies. We understand these topics can be sensitive and appreciate your understanding.
- **If you are short of the guests listed, the game can be played without the following characters:** This information is listed in the mystery with purchase. If you would like to know ahead of time, please email us and we are happy to tell you.
- **The Million Dollar Mystery requires the following number of boy and girl guests:** This depends on which version you purchase. We have an all-boy, all-girl and a mixed version with 2 boy characters, 2 girl characters and the rest gender-neutral characters (roles that can be played by either sex).

Please see:

TheMillionDollarMystery.com

For more info and party planning ideas!

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Making the Invitations

Before the party, each guest must receive two things: (1) the invitation and (2) the memoriam for the millionaire.

The Print Option:

THE INVITATION

- Once you have determined the number of invitations you will need, use your color printer and a thicker 8.5" x 11" paper to print the appropriate number of the page 7 invitation fronts.
 - Your local office supply store may also have "half-fold greeting cards" which can be used.
- Add your party details in the designated fields on an invite page.
 - Once you have filled in the field in one invite, the information will be transferred to the other invite pages.
 - If you prefer to handwrite the details into the invite, this step can be skipped.
- Next, print the character descriptions and other party details on the back of the invite.
- Once both sides are printed, simply fold the paper in half.
- Invite should fit nicely into a greeting card sized envelope.

THE MEMORIAM

- This memoriam provides information about the murder mystery for the guests and adds excitement for the kids.
- Fold and place it inside the invite.

The Download and Email Option:

- Once you have purchased the party, you may access and use the downloadable character descriptions from our website.
- Each character description is a pdf file containing the above information for each character.
- This option allows you to email each of your guests their character description without having to print and mail the information.
- Please remember, the pdf file option does not include a place to enter the date, time or address of the party, so you will have to inform or remind your guests of the party location details in another fashion.
- For this, you can find downloadable, emailable invitations at: <http://www.nightofmystery.com/invitations.php>

Get a coupon and a FREE Party!

Once your party is thrown, please let us know how your party went by posting it on our MURDER MYSTERY MESSAGE BOARD! We will email you a \$5 coupon for posting comments and/or pictures about your party. (If you would like us to post your pictures, please email them to info@nightofmystery.com once you have posted your comments.) *In addition to the coupon, each month we will select one posting to be featured in our "Party of the Month" forum and that customer will receive a \$45 gift certificate towards the purchase of a future party.*

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Preparing the Mystery Materials

- Cut out and make name tags for the guests. (You can print the name tags onto an adhesive label paper or print on regular paper and include a pin with the name tags so that the guests can secure them to their outfits.) The name tag template is compatible with Avery labels 15163, 18163, 5163, 5263, 5523, 5663, 5963, 8163, 8253, 8463, 8663 and 8763.
- Be sure to make enough copies of the Who Dunnit voting sheets for the number of guests attending.
 - There is only one design included which has 2 voting ballots/page included.
 - You will have to print this page multiple times to ensure you have enough ballots for everyone.
- Cut all of the sheets with dotted lines in half.
- The mystery materials will be numbered 1 - 6 in the top right-hand corners. Paper clip all of the pages with the same numbers together. Keep the pages in the order they appear in the pdf.
- Discard any introductions for characters who will not be included in your party.
- Place the materials labeled with a #6 in a sealed envelope and label it "Solution."
- Make copies of the smoking gun award, as there may be multiple people who correctly guess the identity of the murderer.
 - You can electronically input the names of the winners onto the certificate before printing.
- Keep the paper clipped stacks, as well as the name tags, awards and "solution envelope" in a safe and convenient location so you can access them quickly when needed.

Optional Hosting Ideas:

- Included with mystery purchase.
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More Ideas On Preparing For Your Party See:

TheMillionDollarMystery.com

A whole website with ideas on how to party plan for THIS game.

Our Pinterest page:

www.pinterest.com/nightofmystery/The-Million-Dollar-Mystery/

"Party Tips" section at www.nightofmystery.com

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The Start of the Party: Guests Arrive

- Have the guests' name tags and introduction speeches available for them.

Stage One: Introduction

- After all of the guests have arrived, the host will read an introduction which will explain the game and start the introductions.
- Each of the kids will read their introduction speech.
- Once the introductions are done, hand Professor Periwinkle a short speech. If the Professor is not in attendance, this will be read by the host.

Stage Two: First Investigations

- After Professor Periwinkle has read their speech, the kids will be divided into suspects and investigators.
- Hand each child their appropriate sheet and have them practice their dialogue according to their part.
 - The children named as suspects will receive a suspect card with their name on it.
 - The children not named as suspects will participate as investigators to help solve the mystery.
 - Divvy up the investigator cards between the children who are not suspects. Some may have more than one investigator card.
- Have the children present their investigations one suspect at a time with the other children watching.
 - You may want to arrange two chairs at the front of the room to provide for this.
 - Have the investigations go in the order that they were named as suspects.

Stage Three: Evidence & More Investigations

- After the first round of investigations, the host will present evidence and a new round of suspects will be named.
- Hand each child named as a suspect their suspect card and have them read and practice their dialogue.
 - Divvy up the investigator cards between the rest of the children who are not suspects.
 - There may be more kids than investigator cards, depending on party size.
- After the second round of investigations, the host will read a short synopsis and hand out the voting sheets so the kids can guess the culprit.
- At this time, it is best if the evidence is then laid on a table so that everyone may see it before making their best guesses.

Stage Four: The Solution

- When all the 'Who Dunit' sheets are handed in, the host will read the solution aloud to the guests.
- The guilty party will confess!
- Award the super sleuth awards to anyone who guessed the culprit!

End of Host Guide

In Loving Memory
**ROBERT
RED**

Millionaire • Childhood Actor • Loving Brother • Boss

Robert Red – Childhood actor found dead in his home, Mystery Manor. In his short lifetime, Robert made millions and was known to have a very generous spirit – offering to evenly split his funds with his friends, servants and family upon death.

Those who survive him are as follows:

Mr. Black – Butler. A faithful servant and true friend. Mr. Black was very good at his job—keeping the millionaire happy.

Madame White – Maid. As Robert's maid and friend, Madame White kept the mansion clean and tidy. Now she wants what she was promised – her share of the inheritance.

Sam Silver– Footman. Tricked by the job title, this servant got more than they bargained for.

Chef Mustard – Cook. A best-selling writer of cooking books, the chef always followed Robert's orders when planning meals.

Agent Mango – Agent. No super-star can achieve stardom without the support of an agent extraordinaire. It is hard to say if Mango will collect more money with Robert dead or alive.

Cocoa Brown – Co-Star. Acting alongside Robert was never an easy job...and now the limelight may be left solely to Cocoa to take care of.

Kelly Green – Accountant. As Robert's financial manager, Kelly's money managing skills helped boost Robert's financial success. But if "money" is the reason behind the murder, Kelly may have some explaining to do.

Doctor Turquoise M.D. – Doctor. As Robert's personal doctor, Dr. Turquoise made sure Robert was in excellent health...until the day he died.

Scarlet Red – Little Sister. A little drama star herself, this diva has been kept out of the limelight by her big brother.

Now Scarlet's first appearance may never happen due to the millionaire's untimely death.

Crimson Red – Older Brother. Living a life in the star's shadows can be over-bearing or liberating. It is hard to tell if Crimson is resentful or thankful that he is not in the spotlight.

Professor Periwinkle – Lawyer. Above their position, this poignant propagander purposefully peddles "p" words for a profession.

Admiral Indigo – Chauffeur. Commanding Robert's fleet of limos, Admiral Indigo was willing to drive Robert anywhere, at any time, or for anything he needed.

Captain Carrot – Dog Walker. Captain was responsible for Robert's many, many dogs. Possibly more dogs than the Captain could handle?

Mickey Mint – Gardner. This gardener spends more time picking up fertilizer than using it. With Robert's death, Mickey may no longer have a job at Mystery Manor...or anywhere else.

Peyton Purple – Best Friend. Saddened by the loss of their friend, Peyton realizes that Robert may have been hiding more from them than Peyton chooses to show.

Reese Rainbow – #1 Fan. As the head of Robert's fan club, this groupie is devastated at the loss and determined to turn it into a win for themselves.

Statement from Agent Mango, Robert's agent:

We are saddened by the loss of such a great childhood actor. Robert blessed us with his talent in the industry and was on the verge of a great comeback when he was taken from us. The timing could not be worse! We will miss Robert and our thoughts go out to his family and friends.

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Sample Character From Another Mystery
(a sample of what each child will receive within their invitation.)



YOUR CHARACTER

GOLD FINDER PROSPECTOR

BACKGROUND:

You live in the town of Silver Springs, a fading western town that the mayor is trying to bring to life again! Not too long ago, Silver Springs was a town rich with gold. Now that most of the gold is mined, many of the townspeople are poor and the town is overrun with outlaws. The only thing keeping Silver Springs alive is the bustling Honky-Tonk Saloon which serves the best root beer this side of the Mississippi. Or so it claims.

ACTING AND DRESSING THE PART: As the prospector, you are a rough and rugged character who works hard for their earnings. When you are not in the saloon drinking root beer, you are panning for gold in the river. Being that you live in the West, cowboy/girl hats, bandannas, spurs and horses are encouraged, but not required. Since you are the prospector, you may want to “dress up” with a toy mining ax or pan for your gold.

YOUR INTRODUCTION SPEECH:

(You DO NOT have to memorize this.)

Hi y'all! I am Gold Finder and I came here to just that, find some gold! Problem is that after I got here all I found was some yummy root beer at the Honky-Tonk Saloon and I got hooked! That's right, all I want to do is sit here and drink me some root beer. And...in my spare time I go abouts finding gold so that I can pay for my root beer.



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What you get with the mystery:



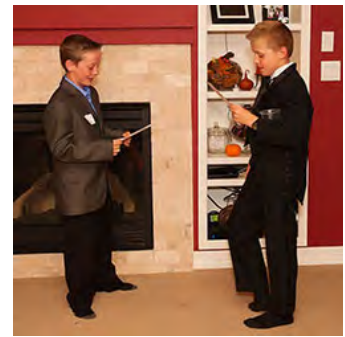
Designed invites for your guests with character information and more information on the mystery for each of your guests. You can print or email these.



Introductions for each of the guests to help set-up the mystery at hand.



EVIDENCE that will be presented.



Scripted investigations to facilitate kids questioning one another. (2 ROUNDS)



Accusation Forms!



SOLUTION!



Super Sleuth Awards!

PLUS -- THE EXTRAS!!! (see next page)

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The Extras



Included in the mystery are ideas and designs to help you decorate with fun and authentic materials that are easy to make. Included: menu designs, evidence markers, a suspect board, signs, and more!

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This has been just a sampling of what you
will receive when you purchase

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The complete package includes:

- **A Host Guide**— A complete how-to of throwing your party which includes directions on preparing the invitations, assigning characters and preparing for the party.
- **A Schedule of the Night**— A step-by-step breakdown of how the party will go.
- **An Introduction**— to be read to the guests upon arrival.
- **Designed Invitations**— that you can customize with the details of your party.
- **A Memoriam**—to be sent with the invitations, it includes background information on the other guests that will be at the party.
- **Character Sheets**—descriptions of the characters, including costuming and acting tips and the kids' first introduction speech (they do not have to memorize this!).
- **Name Tags**
- **Introduction and Investigation scripts for the kids**— These simple, yet fun, scripts will be for the kids to read throughout the party. Each will reveal some clues about who the culprit may or may not be!
- **Evidence** — more clues that will be presented throughout the party. This evidence will help the kids solve the mystery and find the culprit.
- **Solution & Confession**— a detailed description of the what and why the murder happened including WHO is the culprit.
- **"Who Dunnit" Cards**— to allow your guests to guess the guilty party.
- **Award Certificate**— to be awarded to each of the guests that solve the murder.
- **Party Printables and Extras**— directions, templates and designs to help you plan for your party. (See previous page for more information.)

All of our parties come in the form of a professionally designed pdf. Immediately after completing your order, you will be able to create a member account. Once in your account, you will have the ability to download your party (including optional emailable invitations for your guests and party extras) for sixty days after your purchase. If you forget your password, you can request a new password be sent to your email. By having our games online as instant downloads, we are able to satisfy even the most urgent need for a party.

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to purchase your mystery today.