

# Get More Out of This Book

## A Diverse Community

San Francisco has a significant Asian and Asian-American population, particularly people of Chinese and Japanese descent. Chinatown in San Francisco is the oldest in North America and home to the largest Chinese community outside of Asia. Choose a Chinese or Japanese folktale to read aloud. Have a selection of picture books with Asian and Asian-American characters available for browsing.

## Time to Rhyme

The cable cars are one of San Francisco's most famous attractions. Re-read aloud the rhyme about when Pete and Larry are boarding:

*Pete's parents reminded them, "Don't  
wander far"  
As they excitedly boarded a cable car.  
These vehicles pulled along tracks on  
the ground  
Are a popular way to get around town.*

*For the ride Larry sat himself right  
beside Pete  
'Til he saw a glazed donut roll by  
down the street.*

See if readers can come up with five more rhyming words for each of the couplets: rhymes with far/car; ground/town; Pete/street. Later in the book, Larry runs through the Cable Car Museum. Readers can visit their website at [CableCarMuseum.org](http://CableCarMuseum.org) to find out more.

## Good as Gold

The Golden Gate Bridge is one of the most famous bridges in the world. Ask readers to imagine that they are a worker who has been asked to fix something at the very top of the bridge. Just suppose that it was a clear day with no fog (unusual in San Francisco!)—have readers write or dictate what their view is like. Can they see the Bay Bridge? Mountains? The ocean? Chinatown?

**TEACHER'S GUIDE:** The above discussion questions and activities are from our teacher's guide, which is aligned to the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts for Grades K to 1. For the complete guide and a list of the exact standards it aligns with, visit our website: [SasquatchBooks.com](http://SasquatchBooks.com)