

PAGEQUEST SOCIETY™

Educator & Family Guide

How to Run a PageQuest Society™ Reading Mission

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Every Page Unlocks an Adventure.

Based on The Vanishing Words™ - PageQuest Society™ Book 1

Website-ready PDF download for readers, parents, educators, and librarians.

Guide Overview

This guide helps parents, teachers, homeschool leaders, librarians, and reading mentors use The Vanishing Words™ as a confidence-building mystery adventure. The story follows Ethan Parker, a reluctant reader, as he learns that reading can become a key to courage, curiosity, imagination, and discovery.

Core promise

Make reading feel less like a test and more like a mission. Children should leave each session feeling curious, capable, and ready for the next page.

Book	The Vanishing Words™ - PageQuest Society™ Book 1
Audience	Ages 7-10, especially reluctant or developing readers
Format	Read-aloud, buddy reading, independent reading, classroom read, book club
Main themes	Curiosity, courage, friendship, imagination, story protection, reading confidence
Main characters	Ethan Parker, Luna Reed, The Archivist, Shadow Erasers, Shadow King

Before You Begin

Set the mood: Tell readers they are not just reading a book. They are joining a mission to find clues, protect words, and discover hidden story powers.

- ☐ Prepare a pencil and notebook or print the Quest Journal.
- ☐ Choose a quiet reading space.
- ☐ Read the chapter title aloud before starting.
- ☐ Ask one prediction question before reading.
- ☐ Celebrate answers that show effort, not only correct answers.

Recommended Session Formats

Format	Best for	How to run it
10-minute family quest	Busy nights	Read 3-5 pages, ask one question, complete one quick note.
20-minute read-aloud	Parents or small groups	Adult reads most text, child reads signs, clues, chapter titles, and key lines.
30-45 minute classroom mission	Classrooms or clubs	Read a chapter, discuss clues, complete the mission, share one prediction.
Weekend mini-camp	Libraries or homeschool	Read 2-3 chapters and complete missions as stations.

How to Support Reluctant Readers

Use shared reading

Adult and child take turns. The adult can read longer paragraphs while the child reads short clues, signs, chapter titles, character names, and mission prompts.

Make mistakes safe

If a word is difficult, say: "Let us unlock it together." Avoid turning reading into a public test.

Pause for clue talk

After each page or scene, ask: What did you notice? What changed? What could happen next?

Use drawing as thinking

Children can draw answers before writing full sentences. Drawing can build confidence and help them organize ideas.

Celebrate reading powers

Praise curiosity, courage, memory, and imagination. These are the Seven Keys of the PageQuest Society™.

Chapter-by-Chapter Facilitation Guide

Chapter 1: The Missing EXIT Sign

Mission prompt: Can you find three words around your home that help people understand important information? Write them down in your Quest Passport!

- ☐ Discuss: Why is Ethan worried when the EXIT sign becomes blank?
- ☐ Discuss: Why do you think nobody else notices the missing words?
- ☐ Discuss: What important words do you see every day?

Chapter 2: The Girl Who Knew

Mission prompt: What would happen if all the words disappeared from your favorite story? Write or draw your answer in your Quest Passport!

- ☐ Discuss: How does Luna help Ethan feel less alone?
- ☐ Discuss: What does Luna mean when she says someone is stealing stories?
- ☐ Discuss: Why are the Shadow Erasers frightening?

Chapter 3: The Hidden Library

Mission prompt: Mission Title: The Hidden Library Objective: Discover the secret beneath the school library and learn about the Seven Keys. Your Challenge: What clues showed that the library was not ordinary? Why do you think Luna already knew about the hidden entrance? Which of the Seven Keys would you choose first, and why? Bonus Challenge: Draw your own version of the Hidden Library. What would you add to make it even more magical?

- ☐ Discuss: What clues show that the library is magical?
- ☐ Discuss: Why might the First Key choose Ethan?
- ☐ Discuss: Which Seven Key power would you want to protect?

Chapter 4: The Shadow Erasers

Mission prompt: If you discovered a secret underground library, what three books would you protect first? Write them in your Quest Passport.

- ☐ Discuss: What do the Shadow Erasers do to stories?
- ☐ Discuss: Why does the Archivist need to teach Ethan quickly?
- ☐ Discuss: How would you feel if silver eyes watched from the shelves?

Chapter 5: The First Key

Mission prompt: What question are you most curious about right now? Curiosity is one of the Seven Powers. Write your question in your Quest Passport.

- ☐ Discuss: Why is Curiosity important for every story?
- ☐ Discuss: What happens when people stop wondering?
- ☐ Discuss: What question would you ask the First Key?

Chapter 6: The Lost Reader Prophecy

Mission prompt: If you could open a secret door inside any book, which book would you choose and why? Write your answer in your Quest Passport.

- ☐ Discuss: What does the prophecy reveal about Ethan and Luna?
- ☐ Discuss: Why is the Forgotten Chapter worrying to the Archivist?
- ☐ Discuss: What do you think is hidden for a reason?

Chapter 7: Words Falling Away

Mission prompt: Imagine you could save only one book from disappearing forever. Which book would you choose? Why?

- ☐ Discuss: How does Ethan protect a story?
- ☐ Discuss: Why does the First Key react to damaged books?
- ☐ Discuss: What book would you save first and why?

Chapter 8: The Chase Through Stories

Mission prompt: What would your perfect adventure maze look like? Draw it or describe it.

- ☐ Discuss: How does reading become useful inside the Story Maze?
- ☐ Discuss: What kind of puzzles would you put in a story maze?
- ☐ Discuss: Why might the Shadow Eraser want the First Key?

Chapter 9: The Door Beneath the Library

Mission prompt: What would you do if you discovered a mysterious locked door with a warning written on it? Write or draw your answer in your Quest Passport.

- ☐ Discuss: Why is the Seventh Door dangerous?
- ☐ Discuss: What does the warning DO NOT OPEN make you think?
- ☐ Discuss: How does the cracked First Key raise the stakes?

Chapter 10: The Battle for the Words

Mission prompt:

- ☐ Discuss: How do Ethan, Luna, and the Archivist fight without weapons?
- ☐ Discuss: What does the ending tell us about Book 2?
- ☐ Discuss: How has Ethan changed since Chapter 1?

Vocabulary and Comprehension Focus

Word or phrase	Kid-friendly meaning	Try this
vanishing	disappearing or going away	Point to a word on a sign and imagine it fading.
Archivist	a person who protects important records, books, and history	Ask: What would an Archivist keep safe?
prophecy	a message about what may happen in the future	Predict what the next page might reveal.
reluctant	not wanting to do something at first	Talk about something you did not want to try but later enjoyed.
curiosity	wanting to know more	Write one question after each chapter.
maze	a confusing path with many turns	Draw a maze with one clue hidden inside.
evidence	a clue that helps prove an idea	Find one sentence that supports your answer.

5-Day PageQuest Challenge

Day	Reading Goal	Mission
1	Read Chapters 1-2	Find three important words and talk about what would happen if words vanished from a favorite story.
2	Read Chapters 3-4	Draw the Hidden Library and list three books to protect.
3	Read Chapters 5-6	Ask one curiosity question and choose a secret door inside a book.
4	Read Chapters 7-8	Choose one book to save and design an adventure maze.
5	Read Chapters 9-10	Discuss the warning on the Seventh Door and predict Book 2.

Observation Checklist

- ☐ Reader asks questions about the story.
- ☐ Reader can name Ethan, Luna, and the Archivist.
- ☐ Reader can explain what the Shadow Erasers want.
- ☐ Reader makes at least one prediction about the Forgotten Chapter.
- ☐ Reader completes at least one writing or drawing mission.
- ☐ Reader shows more willingness to try the next page.

Family or Group Reflection

Use this page after finishing Book 1. Let children answer aloud, draw, or write in short phrases.

The part I remember most was...

A clue I noticed was...

A time Ethan showed courage was...

A time Luna helped was...

In Book 2, I think...

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