**Puzzles, Brain Teasers, and Activities: The Cursed Carnival**

**The Haunted Chronicles**

**1. Word Search Puzzle: Carnival of Mysteries**

* **Objective:** Search for hidden words related to *The Cursed Carnival*. Words may appear forward, backward, diagonally, or vertically.
* **Words to Find:**
  + Carnival
  + Blood Moon
  + Ringmaster
  + Cursed
  + Ferris Wheel
  + Clowns
  + Mirrors
  + Shadows
  + Games
  + Escape
  + Secret

**2. Crossword Puzzle: Clues from the Carnival** Create a crossword with clues based on the book's plot. For example:

**Clues:**

1. Mysterious carnival that appears every fifty years. (Answer: Carnival)
2. Type of moon that rises during the carnival. (Answer: Blood)
3. Scarlett’s best friend in the book. (Answer: Zoe)
4. The carnival ride where things go horribly wrong. (Answer: Ferris)
5. Who controls the carnival? (Answer: Ringmaster)
6. They wear painted smiles but are anything but friendly. (Answer: Clowns)

**3. Maze Challenge: Escape the Twisted Carnival**

* **Objective:** Help Scarlett and her friends escape the cursed carnival by solving this challenging maze. Players need to find the correct path from the entrance to the exit without getting lost in the carnival's twisting rides.

**4. Brain Teaser: The Carnival Code** The carnival has hidden a message! You need to decode it by matching letters with numbers. Here’s how it works:  
A = 1, B = 2, C = 3... Z = 26.

**Clue to Decode:**  
"13-25-19-20-5-18-25 13-1-19-20-5-18"  
(Answer: Mystery Master)

**5. Riddle Me This: Carnival Conundrums** Try to solve these spooky riddles!

1. **Riddle:**  
   I twist and I turn, but never move. I reflect all that’s in the room. What am I?  
   (Answer: A Mirror)
2. **Riddle:**  
   I have a face that’s not alive, and every fifty years I arrive. What am I?  
   (Answer: The Carnival)
3. **Riddle:**  
   I’m bright and I glow, yet the night is my friend. Under me, strange events always trend. What am I?  
   (Answer: The Blood Moon)

**6. Create Your Own Carnival: Drawing Activity**

* **Objective:** Imagine and draw your own haunted carnival attraction!  
  Use your imagination to design a spooky ride or a haunted game for your version of the cursed carnival. You can even give it a name and write a brief description of what happens when visitors enter!

**Example Prompt:**  
"Draw a haunted Ferris wheel that traps anyone who rides it. What does it look like? What happens to the people who ride it?"

**7. Character Match: Who Said It?** Match the character to the quote from *The Cursed Carnival*.

* **Quotes:**
  1. "There’s only one way to find out if the legend is real."
  2. "I don’t like this… something about this place feels wrong."
  3. "We have to find a way out. This is not just a game."
  4. "You’ve been chosen for the show… let’s see if you survive until dawn."
* **Characters:**
  1. Scarlett
  2. Zoe
  3. Ringmaster
  4. Caleb

**8. Hidden Message Puzzle: The Twisted Clue**

* **Objective:** Unscramble the letters to reveal a secret message from the ringmaster!

**Scrambled Letters:**  
S I C R A O F E R T E H C R U (Answer: The Curse of the Ferris Wheel)

**9. Carnival Logic Puzzle: Which Friend Went Where?**  
Your group of friends enters the carnival and each chooses a different ride, but only one can escape the carnival’s trap. Solve the logic puzzle to figure out who went on which ride and who made it out!

**Clues:**

1. Scarlett didn’t choose the Ferris wheel or the Hall of Mirrors.
2. Caleb went on the merry-go-round.
3. The person who went on the Ferris wheel didn’t make it out.
4. Zoe didn’t choose the funhouse.
5. The person who chose the Hall of Mirrors escaped.

**Solution:**

* Scarlett: Funhouse
* Zoe: Hall of Mirrors (escaped)
* Caleb: Merry-Go-Round
* Mason: Ferris Wheel (trapped)

**10. Build a Carnival Story: Writing Challenge**  
Imagine you’ve just entered the haunted carnival. Describe what you see, hear, and feel. Do you meet any strange characters? What is the scariest ride or game you encounter? Write a short story about your experience in the carnival and how you would escape.

**Puzzles, Brain Teasers, and Unique Activities:**

**1. Word Search Puzzle: Carnival Mysteries**

* **Objective:** Find the hidden words related to the eerie elements in *The Cursed Carnival*.
* **Words to Find:**
  + Blood Moon
  + Ringmaster
  + Clowns
  + Ferris Wheel
  + Mirrors
  + Shadows
  + Escape
  + Carnival
  + Curse
  + Mystery

**2. Crossword Puzzle: Carnival Trivia**  
A crossword with clues from the book.  
**Clues:**

1. The event that occurs once every fifty years in the story (Answer: Carnival)
2. The friend who discovers the poster about the carnival (Answer: Zoe)
3. This reflects more than just your face in the Hall of Mirrors (Answer: Mirrors)
4. Who controls the carnival? (Answer: Ringmaster)
5. A type of moon that brings the carnival (Answer: Blood Moon)

**3. Maze Challenge: Escape the Haunted Carnival**

* **Objective:** Help the characters escape the carnival by solving the maze. Starting from the carnival entrance, you must navigate through twisted paths and avoid traps to find the exit.

**4. Decoder Puzzle: The Ringmaster’s Message**

* **Objective:** Decode the hidden message using the following code: A = 1, B = 2, C = 3... Z = 26.  
  **Clue:**  
  "20-8-5 18-9-14-7-13-1-19-20-5-18 9-19 23-1-9-20-9-14-7"  
  (Answer: The Ringmaster is Waiting)

**5. Riddles of the Carnival**

* **Objective:** Solve these spooky riddles inspired by *The Cursed Carnival*.

**Riddles:**

1. **Riddle:**  
   I reflect your face, but I’m hiding something more. Step too close, and you’ll be trapped behind the door. What am I?  
   (Answer: Mirror)
2. **Riddle:**  
   I spin in the air, but I’m no fun. Once you ride, your time is done. What am I?  
   (Answer: Ferris Wheel)
3. **Riddle:**  
   I light up the night, red as fire, and when I rise, your doom is dire. What am I?  
   (Answer: Blood Moon)

**6. Create a Carnival Poster: Drawing Activity**

* **Objective:** Imagine you are designing a poster to advertise *The Cursed Carnival*. Create a creepy or mysterious carnival poster, drawing your own spooky rides or attractions and naming them. Include a slogan like “One Night Only” or “Enter at Your Own Risk.”

**7. Character Match: Who Said It?**

* **Objective:** Match the character to their quote from *The Cursed Carnival*.

**Quotes:**

1. "You’ve been chosen for tonight’s performance, but will you survive it?"
2. "I have a bad feeling about this place."
3. "We need to stick together and find a way out."
4. "It’s all just a game, right? We can beat this."

**Characters:**

* Ringmaster
* Scarlett
* Zoe
* Caleb

**8. Hidden Message: Twisted Clue**

* **Objective:** Unscramble the letters to reveal a hidden clue from the story.

**Scrambled Letters:**  
N I G R T M A S R E E H I W S R (Answer: Ringmaster Ferris Wheel)

**9. Carnival Conundrum: Logic Puzzle**  
Your friends entered the carnival and went to different rides, but only one made it out. Use the clues to figure out who rode which ride and who escaped.

**Clues:**

1. Scarlett didn’t go on the Ferris wheel.
2. Caleb chose the merry-go-round.
3. The person who went on the Ferris wheel did not escape.
4. Zoe went on the funhouse and made it out.
5. Mason didn’t go on the merry-go-round.

**Solution:**

* Scarlett: Hall of Mirrors
* Caleb: Merry-Go-Round
* Zoe: Funhouse (escaped)
* Mason: Ferris Wheel (trapped)

**10. Short Story Challenge: Write Your Own Escape**

* **Objective:** Imagine you’ve entered the cursed carnival. Write a short story about your experience in the carnival, the spooky attractions you encounter, and how you manage to escape. Use your creativity to describe the creepy atmosphere and the dangers you face!