Guided Reading Resource 28 – Characters (Asking questions)

Chapter 28 – Rendez-vous: Eric and Ursula are chased down Mount Vesuvius as they try to reach the airport. They realise that they can 'beat' the OSS agents.

- It is unusual for children to fight adults, especially trained agents, why do Eric and Ursula do this? What effect does it have on you as the reader? How does your feelings, or perception, of Eric and Ursula change?
- During a tense escape from the OSS, Ursula decides that she needs the toilet. Why has the author presented Ursula like this? What effect, or reactions, is he after?

In a group of 4, imagine that you are the family of Eric and Ursula. You are watching their escape from the OSS on a screen. What conversations would you be having with the rest of your family regarding Eric and Ursula's exploits? If you wish to do this in character, please be Ursula's Grandparents or Eric's parents.

Your notes:

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