

## Teaching notes

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- After sharing the story with the children return to page 29, the moment when the Duke discovers the note from Edith. Establish why Edith has run away.
- Discuss with the children her reasons for having to run away. Prompt the children to use evidence from the text to support their answers.

- Ask the children to consider the following:

**Why does Edith love Hugh?**

**Why does the Duke dislike Hugh?**

Explain that the answers will not be found directly in the text and that they will need to think of their own reasons using clues from the text. E.g. she loves Hugh because he is popular - all his friends are willing to help him.

- Point out to the children that we don't actually find out what happens to Edith as the children are transported back to the 'real' world by the magic key. Ask them to consider what they think Edith might have hoped would happen in the end.
- Following on from the discussions ask the children to imagine they are Edith and they will write the note to their father explaining their reasons for running away. A writing frame is provided below.

Dear .....

By the time you read this .....

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I know that you dislike Hugh because .....

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I however love Hugh because .....

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Please don't worry about me .....

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I truly hope that one day .....

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Your loving daughter,

Edith xxx