A Before Reading

1. Look at the family tree of Mia Thermopolis on page 6. Make some guesses about the characters in this story.
   
   (a) Who is a princess?
   (b) Who is a prince?
   (c) Who lives in a big house in France?
   (d) Who is a painter?
   (e) Who lives in middle America, perhaps on a farm?
   (f) Who is a teacher?

2. There are many unusual and interesting people in Mia's family. Draw your own family tree. Are there any unusual and interesting people in your family?

3. Look at the picture below. Who are all the people? Where are they? What is in the letter? What are some other questions you have about this picture?

B While Reading

4. Read the first two chapters. Who are the main characters? How are they related to each other? Gather information about the main characters.
5 Below are some characters from the story and some adjectives that describe them. The information is from the first two chapters. Match them.

Characters: Mia, Grandmere, Helen, Phillippe, Frank, Michael

Adjectives: Ordinary, fourteen, scary, pregnant, wealthy, freak, thin, single, beautiful, tall, good-looking, smart, kind, Genovian, blond, vegetarian

6 Read to page 60 and look at the picture. Who are all the characters? Where are they? Write what each character might be thinking.
C After Reading

7 (a) Which characters from the story do you like? Why do you like them?
(b) Which characters from the story do you dislike? Why do you dislike them?

8 Choose a character from the story. Write a diary entry from them one year in the future.

9 An itinerary is a plan for your day when you are travelling. Imagine when Mia visits Genovia as its next ruler. Everyone will want to meet her. There will be lots of important things for her to do. Write an itinerary for her visit.