

AGES 9-10

READ & TALK TOGETHER

Read a chapter at a time. Pause and share your thinking.

OUR BOOK: THE LAST LAST-DAY-OF-SUMMER

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Otto and Sheed are cousins whose last day of summer takes an unexpected turn when a strange camera freezes time in their town. This longer chapter book invites you to read in short sessions and follow the mystery together.

TRACK THE STORY

What does each cousin want at the beginning of the chapters you read?

What new clue, problem, or point of view changes what you expected?

Choose one important event. What caused it, and what happened because of it?

TALK ABOUT THE CHARACTERS

How are Otto and Sheed alike? How are they different?

When do they agree or disagree? What does that show about their relationship?

Find a choice one cousin makes. What other choice could that character have made? Support your idea with a story detail.

CONNECT THE STORY TO YOUR FAMILY

What makes a family team work well when people have different ideas?

Think of a time your family solved a problem together. What did each person contribute?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

A camera freezes everyone in town for one hour. You and a family member can move around, but you cannot unfreeze time yet. What is your first priority? How will you decide what to do together?

WRITE OR SKETCH YOUR PLAN. Include one reason for your choice.

