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Volcano Plot Climb Answer Key

Exposition: Lila is introduced as a science lover preparing her volcano project for the fair.

Rising Action:

1. She worked for weeks on her project.
2. At the fair, the volcano didn't work because the baking soda was missing.

Climax: Lila froze, embarrassed, when her volcano failed.

Falling Action: Max gave her baking soda, and she tried again successfully.

Resolution: The volcano erupted, the judges clapped, and Lila felt proud even without winning first place.

Teacher Notes

- Emphasize that the **climax** is the turning point—the most intense moment.
- Students may list different rising actions (painting the model, practicing), but the critical detail is the volcano not working.
- For differentiation: Provide sentence starters ("At the beginning...", "The problem grew when...", etc.) or allow drawing a simple mountain diagram with events placed on it.
- Extension: Ask students to sketch the plot mountain with labels and add illustrations for each stage.