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## Past Connections

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Flashbacks make the story more exciting and help readers connect different events together. They also build mystery and reveal information little by little.
2. Fate and destiny seem important in Holes, but Stanley changes his own future by making brave choices. Some might think the curse was real, while others may believe it was just bad luck.
3. Stanley and Zero prove that even if the past is full of mistakes, people can make choices to change their future. By working together, they break the curse and help each other.
4. Students can share their thoughts, but they might say it would be strange or frustrating to suffer because of something their ancestor did long ago. Others might say it would make them feel important to change history.

