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The Great Cinco de Mayo Zoo Breakout

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The animals' perspective on adventure changed as they realized that the greatest adventure was not escaping from the zoo but celebrating Cinco de Mayo with Senora Maria. They learned to appreciate the joy and excitement of the festivities right where they were.
2. The animals joined the Cinco de Mayo celebration when they were about to escape but were discovered by Senora Maria. They felt surprised and initially guilty for trying to escape. However, they were delighted when Senora Maria invited them to join the festivities. They experienced the vibrant atmosphere of the celebration, danced to lively music, tasted delicious Mexican treats, and felt the true spirit of Cinco de Mayo.
3. The story teaches us that it's essential to appreciate the things we have and find joy in unexpected places. Sometimes, the most meaningful and exciting experiences can be right in front of us. Instead of constantly seeking new adventures, we should learn to cherish the moments and people that make our lives special.
4. Answers may vary, but students may express feelings of surprise, guilt, and embarrassment when Senora Maria discovered their escape plan. They might explain that they would have appreciated Senora Maria's understanding and the opportunity to join the Cinco de Mayo celebration, just as the animals did in the story. Some might mention that they would have realized the value of staying and celebrating with friends and loved ones rather than trying to escape.

