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The Enchanted Portal

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Maria's grandmother's stories and the magical world she discovered were connected to Latin American folklore through the presence of mythical creatures like the chupacabra and Yacumama, as well as cultural celebrations like Dia de los Muertos. These elements from folklore added depth and richness to her adventures.
2. One of Maria's adventures in the magical world was when she helped the mariposa monarca find its way home. From this, she learned the importance of kindness and helping others in need, even when it meant sacrificing her own time and comfort.
3. When Maria said, "the magic and wisdom she had gained would stay with her forever," she meant that her experiences in the magical world had left a lasting impact on her. She had grown wiser and more compassionate, and these qualities would continue to shape her character as she faced new challenges in her own world.
4. If I were Maria, I would find the lesson of helping the mariposa monarca most valuable because it shows the power of small acts of kindness and the impact they can have on others. It's a reminder that we should always be ready to lend a helping hand to those in need.

