

Name _____

Growing Up, Laughing Hard

Short Answer Key

1. Uncle Ming was the neighborhood storyteller who shared stories about Maya's heritage. His stories made her proud of her roots, and they impacted her by connecting her to her cultural heritage.
2. Maya learned from the Patel family, who owned a textile shop. She loved exploring patterns and colors in the shop, which helped her appreciate the art of textiles.
3. Maya's best friend in school was Carlos, and they enjoyed exploring their diverse community, tasting different foods, and laughing at their misadventures.
4. Maya learned to appreciate her Asian heritage through cooking traditional dishes with her mom, Mrs. Nguyen. They bonded over the shared experiences in the kitchen.
5. Maya learned the important lesson that embracing diversity and appreciating her own heritage made her coming-of-age journey more enriching.

