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## Interstellar Pen Pals

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Stella and Zara's friendship enriched their lives by exposing them to new cultures, environments, and perspectives. It broadened their horizons, deepened their appreciation for the natural world, and reinforced the idea that friendship can transcend boundaries.
2. Answers will vary, but students might want to learn about the climate, wildlife, and landscapes of another planet and share details about their own planet's traditions, festivals, and daily life.
3. Stella and Zara's friendship demonstrated that by learning about different cultures and environments, people can gain a greater understanding of the world's diversity and foster empathy for others.
4. In the future, Stella and Zara might have more adventures exploring unique ecosystems, discovering hidden wonders, and possibly even encountering other interstellar pen pals from different planets.

