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The Wishing Mardi Gras Beads

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The discovery of the enchanted beads transformed Mardi Gras by turning it into a night of shared dreams, acts of kindness, and unity among strangers. The beads changed the atmosphere, filling it with wonder, joy, and laughter, and fostering a sense of community.
2. Maya's final wish conveyed the message that the true magic of the beads lay in the shared experiences and acts of kindness they inspired. It emphasized the idea that the power of goodwill and unity could continue beyond the magical night of Mardi Gras.
3. Answers may vary. Possible responses could include wishing for world peace, an end to hunger, or a cure for a specific illness, depending on individual values and priorities.
4. If I were in the Mardi Gras crowd that night, I would feel amazed, inspired, and filled with wonder as I witnessed the wishes granted by the enchanted beads. I would likely join in the spirit of unity and kindness, making my own wishes and spreading goodwill.

