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Mind's Burden

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary. Some may argue that he made the right choice because he prevented something unnatural, while others may say he should have faced what was behind the door.
2. The story shows that strong emotions can make people act without thinking, leading to choices they might regret.
3. She may have felt disappointment, sadness, or even relief, realizing that her son was truly gone.
4. Responses should reflect careful thinking about potential consequences, showing that the student has learned from the story's theme.

