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Inventor's Trip to the Land of the Dead

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Professor Wacky's eccentric personality and love for invention drove him to create the Spectral Spectacles, adding a unique and adventurous element to the town's Day of the Dead celebration. In the future, he might invent more whimsical devices that surprise and delight the townspeople.
2. The Spectral Spectacles allowed the living to temporarily connect with their departed loved ones in the Land of the Dead, emphasizing the theme of bridging the gap between the living and the departed. For the townspeople, it meant a chance to reminisce and share moments with their loved ones, even if only for a short time.
3. The townspeople's reactions to the Spectral Spectacles showed that embracing new and unusual experiences can lead to laughter, connection, and cherished memories. Initially hesitant, they took the chance to try something different, and it enriched their Day of the Dead celebration.
4. Answers may vary. Some students might say they would have tried the Spectral Spectacles to connect with their departed loved ones, while others might say they would have been hesitant or afraid of the unknown. Students can imagine their own experiences, feelings, and reactions when visiting the Land of the Dead.

