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The Accidental Hero

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Oliver likely felt shocked and hurt when he was accused of causing the explosion because he knew he would never intentionally harm anyone.
2. The townspeople were quick to believe Oliver had malicious intentions because they had misunderstood him for being different and had a preconceived notion of him as a troublemaker.
3. Lucy possessed qualities of honesty, love for her brother, and courage to speak the truth. Her testimony helped Oliver's case by providing crucial evidence of his innocence.
4. After the trial, the townsfolk realized that they had misunderstood Oliver and learned the importance of not judging people based on appearances or rumors.

