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Blossoming Friendships in Autumn

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The poet may have chosen this comparison to convey the idea that like flowers, friendships can blossom and grow beautifully over time.
2. The change in seasons represents the idea that life goes through cycles and changes, just as friendships and learning experiences do.
3. The poet is trying to convey feelings of excitement, anticipation, and the sense of new beginnings.
4. Answers may vary. Students can relate to the theme if they have experienced the excitement of starting a new school year, making new friends, or feeling the promise of learning ahead. They can explain their personal experiences or feelings.

