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## The Great Cafeteria Caper

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Principal Jenkins' obsession with chicken nuggets reflects the absurdity of adults in authority positions having peculiar quirks. It exaggerates the idea that even authority figures can have comically irrational desires.
2. Tommy and Sarah's use of detective tools adds a comedic element to the story by parodying detective tropes. Their over-the-top investigation techniques, like the magnifying glass, magnify the satire of their quest for the truth.
3. "The Great Cafeteria Caper" uses absurdity and humor to comment on how authority figures can sometimes prioritize personal desires over their responsibilities, turning seemingly mundane situations into bizarre mysteries.
4. The students' reaction reflects the theme of unity and change by coming together to demand fairness and accountability from Principal Jenkins. They used humor and satire to bring about a positive change in their school environment.

