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The Courthouse Chronicles

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Sarah's father, an attorney, instills in her a strong sense of justice and a belief in the power of the legal system to protect what is right. This influence motivates Sarah to take action to save the courthouse.
2. The theme of preserving historical landmarks ties into the broader theme of political fiction by highlighting the importance of local politics, community engagement, and grassroots activism in preserving the town's heritage.
3. The author emphasizes the significant impact that young voices can have in shaping the future of their communities, advocating for justice, and preserving their heritage.
4. Answers may vary, but students can discuss how the story's portrayal of young activists taking a stand against political decisions can inspire readers to become more engaged in their own communities and advocate for causes they believe in.

