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Clever Lies

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

(Answers will vary; here are possible responses.)

1. Huck was right because he was protecting Jim from being captured and returned to slavery. However, some might argue that lying is wrong, no matter the reason.
2. A student might write about telling a small lie to protect a friend's feelings or to avoid hurting someone.
3. If Huck never lied, he and Jim might have been caught early in the story, changing the outcome of their adventure.
4. Twain suggests that people often use deception, and whether it is right or wrong depends on the reasons behind it.

