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Guardians of the Wild: Middle Schoolers on a Conservation Crusade

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. (Possible responses could discuss how the ancient oak tree symbolizes the club's long-lasting commitment to conservation, with its deep roots representing their dedication and its branches reaching out to protect the vulnerable creatures.)
2. (Responses may describe the qualities and roles of each founding member, such as Emily's keen eye, Jake's leadership, Mia's tech skills, Lily's environmental expertise, and Max's problem-solving skills.)
3. (Answers should provide examples of challenges, such as poaching and opposition, and explain how the club's determination, unity, and collaboration with the community helped them overcome these obstacles.)
4. (Answers may vary, with students discussing their desired roles in the club, such as being a wildlife tracker, fundraiser, or spokesperson, and explaining how they would contribute to the club's mission based on their strengths and interests.)

