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The Marvelous Mystery of Coughing and Sneezing

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary, but explanations could include describing coughing as the body's way of "cleaning" the airways, similar to how we clean our rooms, and sneezing as a "super-fast breeze" that blows away tiny intruders from the nose and throat. Emphasize that they help us stay healthy by getting rid of bad stuff.
2. Not practicing good coughing and sneezing etiquette in public places can lead to the spread of germs, potentially causing illnesses in others. This can have a significant impact on public health, especially during outbreaks of contagious diseases.
3. Share a personal or fictional story about a situation where a severe coughing or sneezing fit occurred. Explore what might have triggered it, how it felt, and how the body responded to clear the irritants.
4. Discuss the importance of respecting others' comfort and health while also understanding the need to cough or sneeze when necessary. Encourage the idea of covering the mouth and nose as a way to balance these factors effectively.

