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## The Sheriff's Dark Past

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The discovery of the buried treasure changed their lives by leading to a series of tragic events, including the murders. It brought forth buried secrets and caused emotional turmoil.
2. Answers may vary. Some might argue that Sheriff Anderson made the right choice by upholding the law and bringing Jake to justice. Others might believe he should have protected his friend since they shared the secret and the guilt.
3. Buried secrets and past actions played a significant role in the tragedy by connecting the murders to events from Sheriff Anderson and Jake's childhood. The buried treasure and the secrets it held were at the heart of the unfolding tragedy.
4. The murders and their connection to his past affected Sheriff Anderson emotionally by forcing him to confront his own actions and decisions as a child. He faced a moral dilemma between his duty as a sheriff and his loyalty to Jake.

