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## The Deal with the Devil's Strings

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Max likely made the Faustian bargain out of desperation and a burning desire for fame and success in the music industry. He may not have fully considered the consequences in the heat of the moment.
2. Max's fame and success changed him by isolating him from his loved ones and making him lose his sense of self. He regretted the deal because he realized that true success should not come at the expense of one's soul.
3. The glowing strings of the violin symbolize the supernatural and otherworldly nature of the Faustian bargain, emphasizing the dangerous allure of the deal.
4. Max learned the importance of humility, the consequences of making deals without fully understanding them, and the value of his soul. He also learned that true success should not come at the expense of one's morals and integrity.

