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Discovering Pennsylvania's Fascinating Facts

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Philadelphia played a pivotal role in the founding of the United States as it was the site of the signing of both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. The city served as the nation's first capital and is rich in historical landmarks.
2. Answers will vary, but descriptions may include the waterfall's height, its serene pool, the surrounding natural beauty, and any activities like hiking or picnicking that visitors can enjoy.
3. Responses will vary, but folk tales or superstitions may include stories about barn hex signs protecting crops or keeping away bad luck, often rooted in Pennsylvania Dutch culture.
4. Groundhog Day has become a cultural phenomenon in Pennsylvania, drawing visitors from all over. Its impact includes tourism, media attention, and a sense of shared tradition among Americans, even those outside Pennsylvania.

