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## Faces of the Farmstead

### Short Answer Key

1. The pitchfork held by the man symbolizes labor and the hard work required on the farm.
2. The poem describes the woman's apron as a life-giving neighbor, suggesting that it is a symbol of her role in maintaining the farmstead.
3. The faces of the individuals in the painting convey seriousness and determination, and their stories imply a life dedicated to hard work on the farm.
4. The poem suggests that the individuals in the painting may have dreams and desires beyond their life on the farm, and it raises questions about their contentment with their chosen lifestyle.
5. "American Gothic" captures a slice of life by portraying the individuals in their everyday roles on the farm, representing a snapshot of their daily existence.

