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Faces of the Farmstead

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary, but some students may interpret the expressions as serious and determined, possibly reflecting a sense of responsibility and commitment to their farmstead.
2. Grant Wood may have chosen to paint this scene to celebrate the hardworking individuals of rural America and to capture the essence of their lives on the farm.
3. The pitchfork symbolizes labor and hard work by being held in the man's hand, signifying the physical demands of farming and the importance of the agricultural lifestyle.
4. The poem conveys the message that hard work and dedication to one's responsibilities, as represented by the characters in the painting, are essential aspects of life and should be celebrated.

