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## Be Your Own Star: Don't Follow the Crowd

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary, but an example could be a friend who faced peer pressure to smoke but chose not to, and they maintained their health and values.
2. Teenagers can maintain their values and individuality by surrounding themselves with friends who accept and respect them for who they are, communicating openly with parents and trusted adults, and having the confidence to make their own choices.
3. Answers may vary, but advice could include talking to a trusted adult, seeking support from friends who share similar values, and remembering that it's okay to say no when something goes against your values.
4. The metaphor of a wolf represents being a leader and not following the crowd blindly. It relates to the message of the poem by emphasizing the importance of being true to oneself and not succumbing to peer pressure.

