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Giving & Taking

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

(Responses will vary, but here are sample ideas.)

1. Some may believe the tree was happy because she loved the boy, while others may feel she gave too much without receiving anything in return.
2. If the boy had given back, he might have visited the tree more often, taken care of her, or planted new trees to keep their relationship alive.
3. Students might share experiences of helping a friend, family member, or stranger and reflect on how it made them feel.
4. The story teaches that kindness is important, but relationships should also include appreciation and mutual care.

