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Guiding Lights: A Social Worker's Journey

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Emma used an approach rooted in empathy and understanding when working with at-risk youth. What do you think it means to be empathetic and understanding, and why are these qualities important in her line of work?
2. In what ways did Emma help Jake rebuild his life? Can you think of some specific actions or strategies she might have used to support him?
3. How do you think the limited resources and bureaucratic red tape mentioned in the story might have made Emma's work as a social worker more challenging? What are some ways society could improve the support for social workers like Emma?
4. Why do you think support systems within a community are important for individuals like Emma who work in challenging professions? How can friends, family, and colleagues provide encouragement and help in such situations?

