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Helping Hands

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The novel shows that kindness can help people survive emotionally and physically, giving them hope when things seem hopeless.
2. People like the Joads help others because they understand what it feels like to struggle and believe in fairness.
3. Even small acts of kindness can make people feel less alone and more hopeful during difficult times.
4. Answers will vary—students may say generosity is important because it brings people together, or they may argue that it is difficult to be generous in a competitive world.

