

Name _____

The Hidden Truth

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The corrupt officials likely resorted to threats and intimidation because they were afraid of exposure and the legal consequences of their actions. They wanted to protect their positions, ill-gotten gains, and reputation, which would have been tarnished if Sarah's investigative report had been widely known.
2. Sarah's determination to reveal the truth aligned with her values as a journalist because it reflected her commitment to uncovering and reporting facts without bias or interference. As a responsible citizen, she believed in the importance of transparency, accountability, and justice in her community, which drove her to expose corruption.
3. This story teaches us that truth, honesty, and courage are essential virtues in the pursuit of justice and accountability. It demonstrates that individuals who have the courage to stand up for the truth can make a positive impact on their communities, even in the face of adversity.
4. The pursuit of justice can involve personal sacrifices, as demonstrated by Sarah's experience, in several ways. Sarah faced threats to her safety, intimidation, and the risk of harm to her reputation and career. She also had to grapple with fear and uncertainty but chose to prioritize the greater good over her personal safety and comfort.

