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## Hidden Truths: A Family's Tragedy

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Explain the impact of the hidden secret on each member of the Smith family, including Lucy, Jack, John, and Emily.
2. How did the discovery of the love letters change Lucy's perception of her mother, and how did it affect her relationship with Emily?
3. Discuss the theme of forgiveness and its absence in the story. Why do you think John couldn't forgive Emily for her past actions?
4. Reflect on the consequences of Emily's decision to hide her secret and the toll it took on her family. How might the story have unfolded differently if she had confessed earlier?

