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The Time-Traveling Journal: A Tale of Historical Discovery

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Understanding history is crucial because it provides valuable lessons about the past, helps us make informed decisions in the present, and allows us to appreciate the struggles and triumphs of those who came before us. Sarah's adventures demonstrate the power of history in shaping our perspectives and inspiring positive changes.
2. The theme of empathy in the story highlights how Sarah's experiences with different historical periods allowed her to understand the challenges and struggles faced by people throughout history. Her empathy grew as she realized that the past was not just a collection of facts but a series of lived experiences.
3. Answers may vary, but students can choose a historical era or event they would like to witness through a time-traveling journal and explain their choice based on personal interest or curiosity.
4. The impact of Sarah's discoveries in Oakridge resulted in a newfound enthusiasm for history, with the library becoming a center for historical exploration and learning. The community embraced the idea that the past was a source of inspiration and lessons for the present and future.

