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The Journey Home

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. What do you think Hank meant when he said, "Sometimes a journey helps with that"? How did this statement relate to Alex's situation?
2. How did the silence during the journey with Hank contribute to the overall atmosphere of the story? What emotions or thoughts do you think it conveyed?
3. In what ways did the desert landscape and the solitude of Hank's ranch serve as symbolic elements in the story?
4. How do you interpret the story's message about the transformative power of journeys and unexpected encounters with strangers?

