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Dust and Gunsmoke: The Wild Ride of Kid Cassidy

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. A specific moment during Cassidy's wild ride with Thunderstrike that demonstrates his determination and skill is when he manages to regain his balance after a nearly disastrous moment and continues to ride.
2. The theme of mentorship is evident in the story as Slim McGraw imparts valuable skills and wisdom to Cassidy, guiding him toward success in the rodeo.
3. The golden belt buckle symbolizes Cassidy's achievement, determination, and the realization of his dream to become a renowned rodeo rider in the Old West.
4. Kid Cassidy's victory in the Dusty Trails Rodeo will likely elevate his reputation and open doors to further opportunities in the rodeo circuit. He may continue to pursue his dream and inspire others to do the same.

