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## Lost Explorer's Diary

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary, but the young adventurers were likely drawn to exploring and following in Marco Polo's footsteps because they were curious, adventurous, and inspired by his tales of distant lands and treasures. They wanted to experience the thrill of discovery for themselves.
2. Answers may vary, but a student might want the diary to lead them to a hidden jungle temple or an underwater city, hoping to find ancient artifacts or uncover forgotten secrets on their adventure.
3. Answers may vary, but a student might describe an encounter with villagers who shared tales of Marco's visit and offered them hospitality, making them feel like they were retracing Marco Polo's footsteps in a friendly and welcoming environment.
4. The young adventurers' journey likely changed them by instilling a sense of wonder, curiosity, and respect for history. It showed them the importance of exploring and learning from the past while creating their own adventures.

