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Lost in the Crowd

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The city serves as a symbol of isolation and loneliness in the poem by emphasizing the contrast between the crowded, bustling environment and the speaker's inner feelings of isolation and disconnection from the people around them.
2. The speaker's desire for connection and a friendly smile reflects universal human needs for social interaction and belonging because it shows that even in a crowded world, people crave meaningful connections and acknowledgment from others.
3. "In the crowd, but worlds apart" suggests that despite being physically surrounded by people, the speaker feels emotionally distant and disconnected from them.
4. Answers may vary. Students may relate to the feelings of isolation and loneliness if they have ever experienced a situation where they felt disconnected from others in a crowded or busy environment.

