

Name _____

The Mysterious Music Box

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The glowing crystal can symbolize empowerment and the ability to access new worlds. It impacts Emily's character development by giving her the courage and determination to help the prince and become a hero in her own right.
2. Answers may vary, but students can describe their dream magical world and explain why they find it fascinating.
3. The story explores how Emily uses the music box to escape her everyday life and seek adventure in magical realms, highlighting the universal desire for excitement and new experiences.
4. Mr. Dmitri's character remains mysterious in the story, leaving room for interpretation. Students can speculate on his possible motivations and connections to the music box's magic.

