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The Legend of Mustang Ridge

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Tom's determination and unbreakable spirit were on display when he faced Thunder's wild nature and countless falls from the saddle but refused to give up. He persevered and eventually tamed the mustang.
2. Thunder proved to be a true partner and companion by carrying Tom through perilous adventures, facing stampedes and outlaws together, and becoming an integral part of Tom's life.
3. The townsfolk of Mustang Ridge reacted to Tom and Thunder's heroic actions with awe and gratitude, viewing them as protectors of the town and as symbols of bravery and justice.
4. The legend of Tom Ryder and Thunder symbolizes the enduring spirit of the Wild West, the unbreakable bond between a cowboy and his horse, and the idea that courage and determination can overcome any challenge, no matter how wild or untamed.

