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Norms Unveiled

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The impact of societal norms and expectations initially makes the speaker feel restricted and burdened. They try to conform and wear a mask chosen by society, but it doesn't allow them to be their true selves.
2. The speaker decides to break free from societal norms because they yearn to be their authentic self and live a life true to themselves. This decision changes their life by allowing them to embrace their uniqueness and find freedom in authenticity.
3. The poem teaches us that societal norms can be restrictive, but embracing our true selves and authenticity is essential for living a fulfilling life. It encourages us to break free from societal expectations and be unapologetically ourselves.
4. Answers may vary. Students may share personal experiences or examples of times when they or someone they know faced societal expectations and had to choose authenticity, highlighting the challenges and rewards of such a decision.

