

Name _____

The Peculiar Pen

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary, but possible reasons for Emily's decision to use the pen's power to help the townspeople despite the risks involved could include her kindness, desire to bring joy to others, or a sense of responsibility.
2. Mr. Grumpington's actions revealed his true character as a jealous and selfish individual who wanted to exploit the pen's power for his own gain. He ultimately returned the pen to Emily because he saw how uncontrollable and chaotic the creations had become, and he realized the consequences of his actions.
3. If I were Emily, I might have kept the pen a secret because I would want to protect the town from potential chaos and ensure the safety of the magical pen. Additionally, I might consider that not everyone could handle the pen's power responsibly.
4. If Emily had decided to share the pen's power openly, her life might have become more complicated as people from all over would seek her help or want access to the pen. The town of Maplewood might have experienced both wonder and chaos, depending on how the pen's power was used.

