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## The Time-Travelling Pocket Watch

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The theme of responsibility is evident in Lily's growing sense of duty toward Oakridge and its history. Initially, she used the pocket watch for her own adventures, but she later realized the consequences of her actions and took responsibility for preserving the town's heritage and environment.
2. (Answer may vary) If I had a time-traveling pocket watch like Lily's, I might choose to visit the time and place where an important historical event occurred, such as witnessing the signing of the Declaration of Independence. I would use it responsibly by observing and learning from history without altering it.
3. The oak trees in the story symbolize the history and natural beauty of Oakridge. They represent the town's connection to the past and its unique landscape. The oak trees also serve as a reminder of Lily's responsibility to preserve Oakridge's heritage and environment.
4. Lily's use of the pocket watch ultimately benefited Oakridge by preserving its history and natural beauty. The town remained a place where history and nature coexisted harmoniously, and the oak trees thrived. Lily's responsible actions ensured that Oakridge retained its charm and unique character.

