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Protecting Innocence

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary. Some may say it's not realistic because everyone grows up, while others may argue that it's important to try to protect innocence.
2. Answers will vary. Some may say Phoebe's honesty gives Holden hope, while others may say she helps him see that not everything in the world is bad.
3. Answers will vary. Some may suggest that the carousel symbolizes the joy of childhood, while others may say it represents life moving forward.
4. Answers will vary. Some may say they would encourage Holden to stay and talk, while others may suggest helping him find something positive to focus on.

