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## The Taj Mahal

### Open-Ended Questions Answer Key

1. The Taj Mahal is considered a symbol of love because Emperor Shah Jahan built it as a tribute to his beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal. It shows how deeply he cared for her, and the effort and beauty of the monument reflect his devotion.
2. I think it's a beautiful way to honor someone's memory, but it's also very grand and unusual. It shows how much Shah Jahan loved Mumtaz Mahal, but most people honor their loved ones in smaller ways.
3. The Taj Mahal teaches us that art and architecture can bring different cultures together, as it blends Indian, Persian, and Islamic styles. It also shows how creativity and hard work can create something timeless and meaningful.
4. I would be most excited to see how the marble changes color at different times of the day. It seems magical and unique, and it would be amazing to experience it in person!

