

Name _____

True Happiness

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

(Responses will vary, but here are sample ideas.)

1. Some may believe the tree was happy because it gave with love, while others may feel the tree lost too much of itself to truly be fulfilled.
2. The boy might have felt regret, sadness, or even peace, depending on whether he realized the meaning of the tree's sacrifices.
3. Students might recall times they wanted a toy, money, or fame but later realized that friendships, kindness, or experiences mattered more.
4. Some might change the story by having the boy give back to the tree, visit more often, or learn to appreciate what he had earlier in life.

