

Name _____

Coming Home: A Veteran's Journey

Short Answer Key

1. Lily is Maria's niece. Her gesture of drawing a soldier for Maria meant so much because it reminded Maria of her loving family and the support she had.
2. David invited Maria to join a local veterans' group, providing her with a sense of belonging and camaraderie with fellow veterans.
3. Maria's best friend, Sarah, introduced her to a therapist who specialized in helping veterans. Therapy helped Maria cope with anxiety, nightmares, and provided her with strategies for a smoother transition to civilian life.
4. Maria's newfound love for art and her art teacher, Mr. Rodriguez, played a crucial role in her journey. Art became her therapeutic outlet and a source of fulfillment.
5. Maria realized that while her military service would always be a part of her, she could also build a fulfilling life beyond the army with the support of her family, friends, therapy, and her love for art.

