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## The Whispering Stones

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The poem calls the stones "ancient storytellers" to emphasize their role as witnesses to the earth's history. It conveys the idea that nature and the earth have stories to tell, and we can learn from their wisdom.
2. The stones, as depicted in the poem, represent the connection between the past, present, and future. They remind us of the importance of respecting and learning from the natural world and its history.
3. (Possible answers may vary, but they should provide a rationale for their belief, considering the symbolism in the poem.)
4. (Possible answers may include trees, rivers, and mountains, with each having unique stories related to their existence and experiences.)

