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The Hot Cocoa Caper

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Emma was the quick thinker who initiated the investigation. Max's tech-savvy skills helped gather evidence. Lily's observant nature spotted Mr. Jenkins' suspicious behavior, and Jake's role could be as the supportive and dependable friend who helped keep everyone calm and focused on their mission. Together, their unique traits and teamwork contributed to solving the mystery.
2. Answers may vary, but some may argue that Mr. Jenkins' actions were not justified because he was deceiving his loyal customers. Others may understand his financial difficulties but suggest alternative ways to overcome them without compromising the café's integrity.
3. Mr. Jenkins could have considered options like offering special promotions, introducing new menu items, or seeking financial advice to manage his cafe's finances without resorting to selling the cocoa mix secretly.
4. The friends likely grew closer through their shared adventure, as they learned to rely on each other's strengths and supported each other in times of challenge and discovery. Their bond likely strengthened as they worked together to solve the mystery.

