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## The Mysterious Case of the Missing Yearbook

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The Mystery Club may have felt surprised and disappointed when they realized Mr. Jenkins was the thief because they had not expected the janitor to be responsible for the theft. They might have also felt sympathetic to his motive.
2. The torn piece of paper was a crucial clue that led the Mystery Club to stake out the old oak tree at midnight, where they discovered Mr. Jenkins digging a hole. It provided them with a lead to uncover the truth.
3. The yearbook distribution ceremony went well in the end, and everyone at Oakdale Middle School received their yearbooks with Mr. Jenkins' photo included.
4. The members of the Mystery Club possessed sharp minds and keen instincts, which helped them gather clues, follow leads, and confront Mr. Jenkins to solve the case. Their teamwork and determination also played a significant role in their success.

