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## Jess and Leslie: Side by Side Answer Key

(Sample Responses)

**Jess Aarons (Unique Traits):**

- Loves to draw and dreams of being an artist.
- Feels pressure to be the fastest runner.
- Comes from a poor, overworked farm family.
- Often quiet, cautious, and unsure of himself.

**Leslie Burke (Unique Traits):**

- Loves to read and tell stories.
- Comes from a wealthy, supportive, and creative family.
- Bold, imaginative, and adventurous.
- Confident and unafraid to be different.

**Shared Traits (Overlap):**

- Both are creative and imaginative.
- Both seek acceptance and understanding.
- Both love exploring Terabithia.
- Both value their friendship deeply.

**Reflection Example:**

Their differences balance each other. Jess learns to be braver and more imaginative from Leslie, while Leslie admires Jess's loyalty and artistic talent. Together, they create a world where both feel free to be themselves.