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## Jess's Journey Answer Key

### (Sample Responses)

#### Beginning

- Feelings/Struggles: Insecure, lonely, pressured by family, focused on being the fastest runner.
- Event/Relationship: Dreams of recognition at school but feels unsupported.
- Growth Outcome: Shows determination but lacks confidence in himself.

#### Meeting Leslie

- Feelings/Struggles: Surprised, competitive at first.
- Event/Relationship: Leslie beats him in the race and befriends him.
- Growth Outcome: Learns to value imagination and friendship over competition.

#### Life in Terabithia

- Feelings/Struggles: Learns to be creative and courageous.
- Event/Relationship: Builds Terabithia with Leslie, facing bullies and fears.
- Growth Outcome: Gains confidence, bravery, and a stronger sense of self.

#### Leslie's Death

- Feelings/Struggles: Shock, grief, guilt for not being there.
- Event/Relationship: Leslie dies in the creek while he is away with Miss Edmunds.
- Growth Outcome: Faces deep emotional pain and learns about loss.

#### Aftermath/Ending

- Feelings/Struggles: Sadness mixed with acceptance.
- Event/Relationship: Builds a bridge to Terabithia and brings May Belle there.
- Growth Outcome: Accepts responsibility, honors Leslie's memory, and grows into a more mature and empathetic person.

#### Reflection Example:

The most powerful stage is the ending because Jess learns to carry Leslie's spirit forward and becomes a true leader for May Belle.