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## Mafatu vs. the Village Answer Key

*Student answers will vary, but the following examples model accurate contrasts:*

- **Attitude toward the sea:** Mafatu fears the sea because of his mother's death; his father and villagers see it as a way of life and strength.
- **Source of courage or fear:** Mafatu's courage comes from survival and proving himself; the father's or villagers' courage comes from tradition and cultural expectations.
- **Actions:** Mafatu leaves alone to face fear; villagers hunt, fish, and mock his weakness.
- **How others view him:** The villagers call him a coward; the father is ashamed.
- **How he views himself:** Mafatu doubts his worth at first, but grows into bravery through trials.

### Reflection Sample:

1. The biggest difference is Mafatu's fear of the sea versus the villagers' confidence. This difference drives the whole story.
2. Similarities include their shared island heritage and respect for strength.
3. Comparing them shows how Mafatu must carve out his own kind of courage, not simply copy others.