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Debating Courage Answer Key

Since these are discussion-based, answers will vary. Below are sample models:

1. **Hero Debate** - Yes, Mafatu is a hero because he deliberately faces his greatest fear, survives storms, defeats a wild boar, and returns home transformed. Some may argue he is not a "hero" because he did not save others, only himself.
2. **Fear's Role** - Fear limits Mafatu when he avoids the sea as a boy, but it also drives him to prove himself. Without fear, he might never have left home or shown growth.
3. **Conflict Choice** - Mafatu vs. himself is more important, because conquering fear is the heart of the story. The sea is only a test of that inner struggle.
4. **Staying Home** - If Mafatu stayed home, he would never have proven himself. Only by leaving and facing danger did he become brave and earn honor.