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## Coat Of Kindness Answer Key

### Expected Theme Statement (sample):

True generosity means helping others, even when it requires personal sacrifice.

### Other Acceptable Responses:

- Real kindness is shown through selfless acts.
- Caring for others is more important than personal comfort.
- The greatest warmth comes from giving, not receiving.

### Teacher Notes:

- Guide students to focus on the **lesson** (generosity, kindness, selflessness) rather than details (a red coat, Marco, winter).
- Accept responses that capture the *core life lesson* even if worded differently.
- Reinforce that a **theme statement** should be broad enough to apply beyond the story, not just to the characters.