

Proof On The Page Answer Key

Highlighted Evidence (Possible Answers):

1. Uncertainty:

- *"Maya's hand hesitated above the notebook. She wanted to believe that one book could hold the key to her question. But doubt pressed against her, as heavy as the silence, urging her to close the notebook and leave."*
- These lines directly show her hesitation and doubt.

2. Books as more than objects:

- *"She stared at the shelves, crowded with books that seemed to whisper of adventures she had not yet taken."*
- The metaphor of "whisper" makes the books feel alive, almost magical.

3. Determination:

- *"Still, she stayed, eyes fixed on the shelves, determined to find the story that would guide her."*
- The word "determined" is explicit evidence of her resolve.

4. Teacher's advice:

- *"Her teacher's words from earlier echoed in her mind: 'Every answer you seek is waiting for you in these pages.'"*
- This line shows that the teacher's guidance pushes her to keep searching, reinforcing her decision to remain.

Teacher Notes:

- Students may underline slightly different portions of the same sentences. As long as the evidence logically supports the answer, it should be considered valid.
- Encourage students to explain **why** the line they chose works, not just underline it. This builds stronger comprehension and reasoning skills.
- Extension: Ask students to write one more question of their own, then locate evidence in the passage to answer it.