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Read, Rethink, Revise

Directions: Read the passage carefully one time through without stopping. Answer the three comprehension questions **from memory**: trust your first impressions. Then reread the passage closely to find **direct text evidence** (quotes or details) that confirm, challenge, or refine your original ideas. Write **new, more precise answers** that include this textual proof.

“The River’s Secret”

Nina stood quietly by the edge of the river, watching the current swirl around the smooth gray rocks. She had walked this trail dozens of times, but today the water seemed louder, stronger. A recent storm had washed away the old wooden bridge, leaving only its broken posts behind.

As she looked closer, she noticed something shining beneath the surface—a silver bracelet, caught between two stones. Nina hesitated. The river was deeper than it looked, and her shoes were already soaked from the muddy path. Still, she stepped in carefully, her heart pounding as the cold water reached her knees. When she lifted the bracelet from the river, she saw initials carved inside—her grandmother’s.

Nina smiled softly. The bracelet had been lost for years, yet here it was, returned by the same river her grandmother used to visit every spring.

Answer these questions without looking back at the passage. Answer them again after rereading, including textual proof.

1. What makes this moment meaningful for Nina?
2. How does the author show Nina’s feelings about the river?
3. What lesson or message might the story suggest?

Reflection: How did using direct text evidence change or improve your understanding of the passage?