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## Identity Lens Answer Key

Sample strong responses should demonstrate the following understandings:

1. **alienation**  
Shows emotional isolation caused by competing expectations; explains loss of belonging in both environments.
2. **conformity**  
Explains social safety or acceptance; connects conformity to suppression of authentic identity.
3. **autonomy**  
Identifies a turning point where independent choice emerges; explains risk due to possible rejection or loss.
4. **duality**  
Shows the narrator maintains two identities simultaneously, not temporary confusion; emphasizes ongoing internal division.
5. **repression**  
Implies forced suppression of emotions rather than healthy management; suggests long-term internal damage.
6. **self-perception**  
Explains growth in self-understanding; connects internal change to the novel's broader theme about identity formation.

Responses may vary in wording but must accurately connect vocabulary meaning to theme.

### Teacher's Guide

- **Skill focus:** Strengthen Grade 10 literary analysis by tying precise vocabulary use to a clearly defined **theme of identity conflict**.
- **Before assigning:** Briefly review the theme and model one response, underlining the vocabulary word and circling the thematic connection.