

Friendship Test Answer Key

Sample Response (Student may vary):

The story shows that honesty is more valuable than winning. Jonah cheated to win, but he did not feel proud of his victory. This shows that dishonesty makes success feel empty. Daniel, on the other hand, chose to compete fairly, and he felt proud of himself even without winning. The story also shows that dishonesty can hurt friendships, since Jonah avoided Daniel after the contest. The message is that true pride and respect come from honesty, not from cheating.

Teacher Guide:

- This activity encourages **critical thinking and text-based writing**.
- Look for answers that:
 - Identify the central message/theme (honesty is more valuable than winning; cheating damages friendships).
 - Use at least one example of text evidence (e.g., Jonah avoided Daniel, Daniel felt proud).
 - Express ideas clearly in a short written response.
- Extension idea: Have students write from Jonah's perspective in a diary entry, reflecting on how he felt after winning dishonestly.