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Symbols of Change Answer Key

Likely Theme/Ideas in Passage:

- New beginnings and opportunities
- Growth and change
- Balancing excitement with sadness of leaving home

Possible Symbol Choices:

- **Sunrise/sunset** → represents endings and beginnings
- **Open door** → symbolizes opportunity and transition
- **Bird taking flight** → freedom, new journey
- **Bridge** → connection between old life and new experiences

Sample Explanations:

- "I drew a sunrise because Lena's story shows the end of one part of life and the start of another."
- "I chose a bird flying because it represents leaving home and starting a new adventure."
- "I drew an open door because she is stepping into a new opportunity."

Teacher Notes:

- Students may choose different symbols, but their answers should **link back to the passage's theme**.
- Encourage them to avoid literal illustrations of the scene and instead think about **representative objects or imagery**.
- Evaluate their written explanation for clarity in connecting the **symbol** to the **theme**.