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Design The Mystery Answer Key

Likely Main Ideas/Themes:

- Adventure and discovery
- Curiosity leading to courage
- Following clues toward the unknown

Possible Book Cover Elements:

- **Title Ideas:** *The Hidden X, Map of Secrets, Sofia and the Forgotten Trail*
- **Illustration Ideas:** A torn map with a glowing red X, a flashlight beam cutting through dark trees, Sofia holding the map at dusk
- **Visual Hints of Story:** Shadows in the forest, mysterious path, adventurous symbols (compass, notebook)

Sample Student Explanations:

- "I drew a map with a red X and a dark forest behind it to show that Sofia is going on a mysterious adventure."
- "My cover says *The Hidden X* because the passage is about Sofia finding and following a secret map."
- "I used a flashlight beam in my cover to show that Sofia is heading into something unknown but exciting."

Teacher Notes:

- Covers can be **literal or symbolic**, but must tie to the passage's **adventure/mystery tone**.
- Check that students use their titles and visuals to reflect the **main idea** rather than just copying one detail.
- Encourage them to think about how real book covers grab a reader's attention while hinting at the story.