Name _____



Implied Futures

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Look for hints about what might happen next, even if the author does not say it directly. Think about the likely results or consequences of the characters' actions. Answer the questions in complete sentences, supporting your answers with details from the passage.

Tara glanced nervously at the clock as she pulled her sketchbook from her backpack. The art contest submission deadline was in twenty minutes, and the community center was still a ten-minute walk away. She had spent weeks perfecting her drawing, but when she reached for the final copy, her heart sank—it was missing. Digging frantically, she found it wedged between two heavy textbooks, now slightly smudged from the pressure. She bit her lip, wondering if the judges would overlook the imperfections. Slinging her backpack over her shoulder, she ran out the door, clutching the drawing tightly as dark storm clouds gathered overhead.

Questions:

1. What possible outcome is implied if Tara hurries to the community center?
2. What could happen if the judges notice the smudges on her drawing?
3. How might the storm clouds foreshadow another consequence for Tara?
4. What lesson might Tara learn from this situation, even though it is not stated?

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