Name _____

Unspoken Rivalry Answer Key

1. **Hidden conflict:**
    - There is an unspoken rivalry between Sophie and Marcus over the science project and the chance to represent their class at the regional fair.
2. **Clues about Marcus:**
    - His smile "that didn't quite reach his eyes," his question about "originality vs. presentation," and his glance at Sophie's poster all suggest jealousy or criticism.
3. **Clues about Sophie:**
    - She flushes when Marcus comments, avoids eye contact, and mutters a competitive remark, showing she feels defensive and challenged.
4. **Possible outcome:**
    - Their rivalry could intensify, leading to more direct arguments, or it could push both to work harder on their projects.

Teacher Note:

Guide students to recognize that **conflict is not always stated outright**; it is often shown through **tone, gestures, competition, or subtle remarks**. Inferential comprehension requires connecting these hints to uncover the deeper tension.

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