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## Attic Mystery Answer Key

1. **Exposition:** Maya is introduced as a curious child who wonders about her grandmother's attic. The setting is a rainy afternoon in her grandmother's house.
2. **Rising Action:** Maya notices the attic door is open, sneaks inside, and finds the glowing lantern. She sees strange visions of the past.
3. **Climax:** The lantern suddenly flares, cracks echo through the attic, and Maya realizes it shows powerful memories.
4. **Falling Action:** Maya calms herself, the lantern dims, and the attic returns to normal. She gently puts the lantern back.
5. **Resolution:** Maya leaves the attic quietly, choosing not to tell anyone, but she understands she has uncovered a family secret.

### Teacher Notes:

- Encourage students to notice how suspense builds through Maya's actions (exposition → rising action).
- The climax should stand out as the most intense, dramatic point (the lantern flaring and revealing its power).
- Reinforce that resolution doesn't always mean "everything explained"—sometimes it's a character making a choice or learning something.