

## Locked Mysteries Answer Key

1. **Point of View:** First-person.
2. **Clues:** The narrator uses "I" and "my" (e.g., "I never should have followed my brother," "My hands shook").
3. **Effect of POV:** The reader experiences the fear and uncertainty directly through the narrator's emotions and thoughts, making the suspense more personal and intense.
4. **Different POV Example:** If told in third-person limited from the brother's perspective, readers might focus more on his excitement about the discovery instead of the narrator's fear. In third-person omniscient, readers might even learn what the key unlocks, which would reduce the suspense.

### Teacher Notes:

- Highlight that **first-person** narration lets readers feel closely connected to the narrator's inner thoughts.
- Contrast this with **third-person limited** (one character's thoughts, told with "he/she/they") and **third-person omniscient** (all characters' thoughts, broader view).
- Encourage discussion on how point of view creates different emotional impacts in storytelling.