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Proof Of Character Answer Key

Theme Statement (Sample): *True honesty means doing what's right even when it's inconvenient or no one is watching.*

Three Pieces of Textual Evidence (Possible Answers):

1. *"He realized his stomach dropped—he had forgotten his wallet at home."*
→ This moment introduces Liam's moral challenge.
2. *"'I can't do that,' Liam said finally. 'Please hold these items. I'll run home and come back right away.'"* → Shows Liam's choice to act with integrity rather than take the easy way out.
3. *"'I did. It just didn't feel right otherwise.'"* → Reveals his inner values and commitment to honesty, even when it caused personal discomfort.

Analysis Paragraph (Sample Response):

Liam's actions show that honesty sometimes requires extra effort and personal sacrifice. Even though the cashier offered to let him pay later, Liam refused because he wanted to do what was right. His decision to run home in the rain demonstrates integrity and accountability. By returning quickly and paying, he proved that real character is measured by doing the honest thing, even when it's uncomfortable or inconvenient.

Teacher Notes (Optional Add-On):

Students' theme statements may vary but should connect to **honesty, integrity, or moral strength under pressure**. Accept any textual evidence that clearly supports Liam's ethical decision-making. Encourage students to highlight internal conflict as part of understanding character growth.