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Read the following short story carefully and answer the questions that follow.

In the heart of a small town, there stood an old mansion that was said to be haunted. The townspeople whispered about strange noises, eerie lights, and mysterious figures seen at night. No one dared to enter the mansion until one brave girl named Emily decided to solve the mystery.

Emily was known for her curiosity and fearlessness. She gathered her friends, Ethan and Olivia, and together they made a plan to explore the mansion. Armed with flashlights and a map of the house, they approached the creepy mansion at dusk.

As they stepped through the creaking front door, the friends were greeted by a gust of cold air and a sense of unease. The mansion was dark and filled with cobwebs. Shadows danced on the walls, adding to the eerie atmosphere.

Using their flashlights, they cautiously explored each room, searching for clues. In the dusty library, they discovered an old diary hidden behind a bookshelf. The diary belonged to a former resident named Amelia, who had disappeared mysteriously many years ago. With each page they read, the puzzle pieces started to come together. Amelia had been an artist who loved painting portraits. One entry mentioned a hidden room in the mansion where she kept her most precious masterpiece.

Determined to find the hidden room, Emily, Ethan, and Olivia scoured the mansion. After hours of searching, they stumbled upon a hidden door concealed behind a large painting. Excitement filled their hearts as they entered the secret room.

Inside, they found a gallery of stunning portraits. Each painting depicted a different person, but one stood out from the rest. It was

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a self-portrait of Amelia, radiating beauty and mystery. The friends realized that the missing artist had turned herself into a painting to preserve her legacy.

As they left the mansion, Emily, Ethan, and Olivia felt a mix of awe and sadness. They had uncovered the truth behind the mansion's haunting reputation and discovered the hidden story of Amelia's artistic passion.

1. Why did the townspeople consider the mansion to be haunted?

2. What characteristics did Emily possess that made her suitable for exploring the mansion?

3. What did the friends find hidden in the dusty library?

4. How did Emily, Ethan, and Olivia find the hidden room?

5. Who was Amelia, and what happened to her?

6. What did the friends discover about Amelia's legacy?

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