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Amphibian Diversity: Exploring the Many Species of Frogs, Toads, and Salamanders

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Frogs typically have smooth, moist skin and long hind legs, while toads have dry, bumpy skin and shorter hind legs.
2. Salamanders' adaptations such as long bodies and tails may reflect their preference for moist environments like forests and streams where they can easily move and hunt for prey.
3. Caecilians may be less well-known than frogs and salamanders because they spend much of their time burrowing underground and are less visible to humans.
4. Amphibians are considered both predators and prey in their ecosystems because they consume insects and other small animals while also serving as food for larger predators such as birds, snakes, and mammals.

