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A Year of Flowers: Exploring Common Annual Plants

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Sunflowers are described as "radiant giants" because of their towering stalks and sunny faces that track the sun, bringing brightness and joy to the garden landscape.
2. Zinnias play a crucial role in attracting pollinators like bees to the garden with their nectar-rich blooms, aiding in the pollination of other plants and contributing to ecosystem health.
3. Cosmos are compared to celestial wonders because of their delicate, feathery foliage and starburst-like flowers that seem to dance in the breeze, adding a touch of magic and wonder to garden landscapes.
4. The colors of petunias contribute to garden aesthetics by providing a wide array of hues—from soft pastels to vibrant jewel tones—that add beauty and visual interest to garden beds, borders, and containers.

