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## The Life of a Bass: From Tiny Egg to Mighty Fish

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Example: The male bass protects the eggs and fry because they are vulnerable to predators. This increases the chances that more baby bass will survive.
2. Example: Fry and fingerlings face challenges like predators, finding food, and surviving in their environment.
3. Example: The bass life cycle helps the species survive because laying many eggs ensures that even if most don't survive, enough will grow into adults.
4. Example: As a bass, it might feel exciting to grow from a tiny fry into a strong adult, but it would also be scary to face predators and other dangers along the way.

