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## Beetles: Nature's Little Helpers

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Example Response: Beetles are important because they control pests, pollinate plants, and recycle nutrients. They also provide food for other animals, keeping ecosystems balanced.
2. Example Response: As a farmer, I would be thankful for beetles eating pests like aphids that harm my crops. This would help my plants grow without using as many pesticides.
3. Example Response: Without beetles recycling nutrients, dead plants and animals would build up, and the soil would lose nutrients, making it harder for plants to grow.
4. Example Response: Beetles are successful because they can eat many types of food, adapt to different environments, and protect themselves from predators with features like hard shells.

