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Caterpillars: Small Creatures, Big Impact

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Example: Caterpillars are important because they help feed animals, support plant growth, and keep ecosystems balanced.
2. Example: Without caterpillars, many animals might not have enough food, and plants could lose a natural helper for pollination and pest control.
3. Example: As a farmer, I would appreciate caterpillars that eat harmful insects and help my plants grow healthier.
4. Example: Caterpillars show us how everything in nature is connected—plants, animals, and even the soil rely on each other to thrive.

