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What Does a Catfish Look Like?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The colors and patterns of catfish help them hide from predators by blending into their environment, which is crucial for their survival.
2. Seeing a giant catfish like the Mekong giant catfish would be fascinating because of its massive size and unique features, like its smooth skin and barbels.
3. If there were no catfish, waterways might become dirtier because catfish help keep the water clean by eating dead plants and animals.
4. A scientist might want to study how catfish barbels detect food or how their sharp spines work as a defense, as these features are important for their survival.

