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Where Do Catfish Live?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Catfish are found on every continent except Antarctica because they can adapt to many different environments, but Antarctica is too cold for them to survive.
2. A scientist might want to study how catfish manage to survive in both freshwater and saltwater habitats, focusing on their ability to adapt to different water conditions.
3. Features like barbels help catfish find food in dark or murky water, and their smooth, scaleless skin makes it easier for them to move and avoid diseases.
4. A natural fish tank for a catfish would include a soft, muddy bottom, plenty of hiding spots like rocks or logs, and slightly murky water to mimic their natural habitat.

