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The Fascinating World of Catfish

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Catfish are unique because they have barbels that help them sense their surroundings, they can live in various habitats, and some can produce electricity.
2. Barbels help catfish survive by allowing them to feel for food and sense their environment, especially in dark or murky waters.
3. Protecting catfish and their habitats is important because they help clean waterways and are a food source for many people.
4. An explorer might want to learn about how catfish adapt to different environments or study their role in the ecosystem because they are fascinating creatures with many unique traits.

