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The Important Role of Cockroaches in Nature

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. People often overlook cockroaches' importance because they focus on them as pests in homes rather than seeing their role in nature.
2. If cockroaches disappeared, animals that rely on them for food might struggle to survive, affecting the entire food chain.
3. A student's answer may include: "If there were no cockroaches, I might have to find another insect to eat or switch to a plant-based diet."
4. From cockroaches, we can learn how to adapt to different environments, survive on limited resources, and play a helpful role in the ecosystem.

