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## Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt: The Divine Pantheon

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary but should include details about offerings, rituals, and prayers to Bastet, as well as the belief in her protective and nurturing qualities.
2. Thoth played a pivotal role in maintaining cosmic balance through his wisdom and knowledge. His association with writing and record-keeping ensured the preservation of knowledge and the smooth functioning of society.
3. The mythology of Osiris influenced Egyptian beliefs about death and the afterlife, emphasizing resurrection and eternal life. It led to mummification practices and rituals to ensure a successful journey to the afterlife.
4. Ra, the sun god, represented light and warmth, while Anubis, the god of embalming and the dead, was associated with the afterlife's rituals and judgment. Both played vital roles in the Egyptian belief system but in different aspects of life and death.

