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## What Role Do Monkeys Play in the Ecosystem?

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Seed spreading is important because it helps new plants grow in different areas, keeping forests lush and full of life.
2. Monkeys eat insects and plants to control populations and provide food for larger predators, maintaining balance in the food chain.
3. People can protect monkeys by preserving forests, reducing hunting, and avoiding pollution that harms their habitats.
4. Monkeys are important because they spread seeds, control pests, and help plants grow, which keeps the rainforest ecosystem healthy and balanced.

