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What Role Does a Panda Play in the Ecosystem?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Protecting pandas is important because it helps save bamboo forests, which provide food, shelter, and clean air for many species.
2. The panda's diet impacts the bamboo forest by helping seeds scatter and grow, keeping the forest healthy for other animals.
3. By studying pandas, people learn how one species can impact an entire ecosystem and why conservation is essential.
4. If pandas weren't protected, bamboo forests might shrink, and the animals that depend on them could lose their homes and food sources.

