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## Fireflies: Small Creatures with Big Jobs

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Fireflies are important because they control pests, are a food source for other animals, and show that an ecosystem is healthy.
2. A decline in firefly populations could mean an increase in pests, less food for predators, and problems in the environment.
3. As a farmer, fireflies would help control pests that might damage crops, reducing the need for pesticides.
4. People can help fireflies by reducing pesticide use, protecting natural habitats, and minimizing artificial light pollution.

