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Exploring the Enchanting Galápagos Islands

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The Galápagos Islands are considered a haven for wildlife lovers because they are home to unique and diverse animals, including giant tortoises, marine iguanas, and blue-footed boobies. Students can mention which animals they'd like to see and explain why.
2. Answers may vary, but students can choose an underwater creature they find fascinating and describe why encountering it while snorkeling would be exciting.
3. Scientists at the Charles Darwin Research Station contribute to the conservation of the Galápagos Islands' wildlife by conducting research, breeding programs, and efforts to protect endangered species. They can also educate the public about the importance of conservation.
4. The author described the Galápagos Islands as a "natural treasure" because of their unique and untouched natural beauty, incredible wildlife, and important role in scientific research and conservation. Aspects that could be considered most valuable include the islands' biodiversity and ecological significance.

