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The Mighty Hippopotamus

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Hippos may look calm because they spend much time resting in the water, but they can be aggressive when protecting their space.
2. Hippos' thick skin helps keep them safe from the sun, and their webbed feet help them swim easily.
3. People can help hippos by protecting their habitats, stopping poaching, and supporting wildlife conservation programs.
4. A hippo is a very large animal with thick, gray skin. It has big teeth, small ears, and lives in water most of the time to stay cool.

