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## Homare Sawa: A Soccer Legend's Journey

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The challenges that female athletes like Homare Sawa face in male-dominated sports include skepticism, discrimination, and limited opportunities. They often overcome these challenges through determination and hard work.
2. Sports heroes like Homare Sawa serve as role models by demonstrating dedication, perseverance, and the power of teamwork, inspiring others to pursue their dreams.
3. Japan's victory in the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup brought hope and resilience to communities by providing a positive source of national pride during a difficult time.
4. Homare Sawa's career had a lasting impact on women's soccer in Japan, contributing to its growth and cultural significance. It inspired more girls to take up the sport and led to greater recognition and support for female athletes.

