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Houseflies and Their Unexpected Relationships

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Houseflies benefit from humans because humans provide food scraps and waste, creating a reliable source of food.
2. Unlike bees, houseflies accidentally pollinate plants while looking for food, but their efforts still help plants reproduce.
3. If houseflies disappeared, there could be more waste buildup, fewer pollinated plants, and a lack of food for predators like spiders and birds.
4. Houseflies' interactions, from spreading diseases to pollinating flowers, show how even small creatures connect and influence larger ecosystems.

