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Italy: A Land of Mountains, Rivers, and Volcanoes

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Italy's geography, with its rivers for water, mountains for protection, and rich volcanic soil for farming, helped ancient civilizations grow.
2. Students should choose a feature (Alps, Po River, Mount Vesuvius, etc.) and explain why they would like to visit it.
3. Mountains provide protection, rivers help with farming and transportation, and volcanoes create fertile soil but can also be dangerous.
4. Students should imagine what life was like in Pompeii before the eruption, thinking about the buildings, markets, and daily activities.

