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Perennial Plights: Dealing with Pests and Diseases in Your Garden

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Discuss the importance of sanitation measures in preventing the spread of pests and diseases in perennial gardens. Provide examples of sanitation practices that gardeners can implement to minimize disease transmission.
2. Reflect on the role of beneficial insects in managing pest populations in perennial gardens. Describe how attracting and conserving natural predators can help control aphids, spider mites, and other common pests without the use of chemical pesticides.
3. Consider the challenges of diagnosing and treating viral diseases in perennial plants. Discuss why prevention is often the best approach for managing viral diseases and describe strategies for selecting disease-resistant plant varieties.
4. Imagine you are advising a novice gardener on how to maintain healthy perennial plants. Provide three practical tips for preventing and managing pests and diseases in their garden, considering factors such as plant selection, cultural practices, and integrated pest management techniques.

