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## The Life Cycle of a Sea Turtle

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Returning to their birth beaches ensures that sea turtles lay eggs in a safe and familiar environment, which helps the next generation survive.
2. Sea turtles face challenges like predators, habitat destruction, pollution, and climate change throughout their life cycle.
3. Conservation efforts, such as protecting nesting beaches and reducing threats from fishing nets, help increase the chances of survival for sea turtles.
4. If I were observing sea turtles, I would look for nesting behavior, hatchlings making their way to the ocean, and how turtles interact with their environment during feeding and mating.

