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The World of Parasites: Nature's Sneaky Intruders

Short Answer Key

1. Arthropod parasites attach to their hosts by biting or using specialized structures like claws or mouthparts.
2. Malaria is a disease caused by a protozoa parasite transmitted through mosquito bites.
3. Helminth parasites often enter the human body by ingesting contaminated food or water.
4. Fungi parasites can spread from one host to another through direct contact or by sharing contaminated items like towels or shoes.
5. Parasites can impact ecosystems by affecting the population dynamics of their hosts, which can ripple through the food chain and alter the balance of ecosystems.

