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Web of Life: The Crucial Role of Spiders in Ecosystems

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Discuss the role of spiders as both predators and prey in ecosystems and how it contributes to ecological balance.
2. Describe one example of how spiders modify habitats through their engineering activities and how it impacts other species.
3. How might the loss of spider populations affect ecosystems, and what are some potential consequences?
4. Can you think of any other ways spiders contribute to the functioning of ecosystems besides those mentioned in the passage?

