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## The Stink Bug: Nature's Smelly Insect

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The stink bug's odor acts as a defense mechanism by making predators avoid eating it.
2. A stink bug has a shield-shaped body, which may help it blend in with leaves and protect itself.
3. Farmers consider stink bugs pests because they harm crops, but others see them as helpful because some species eat harmful insects.
4. Without stink bugs, some crops might be more vulnerable to pests, and the balance of ecosystems could be disrupted.

