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What Do Termites Eat?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Cellulose is important because it provides termites with the nutrients they need to survive, and breaking it down helps recycle plant material in nature.
2. Subterranean termites build underground tunnels to safely reach food sources, avoiding predators and harsh weather.
3. Without termites, dead trees and plants would pile up, slowing the natural process of nutrient recycling and affecting plant growth.
4. By feeding on dead plants and wood, termites nourish their colonies and improve soil quality, benefiting the entire ecosystem.

