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Termites: Tiny Builders of the Insect World

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Teamwork helps termites survive because each termite has a specific role, like gathering food, protecting the colony, or laying eggs, which keeps the colony functioning smoothly.
2. Termites are helpful because they recycle nutrients in the environment, but they are harmful when they damage buildings or furniture.
3. Without termites, forests might have too much dead plant material, and the soil might not be as nutrient-rich.
4. Termite mounds show that even small insects can work together to create complex and well-organized structures.

