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## The Role of Zebras in the Ecosystem

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The zebra's role in the food chain is important because they provide food for predators, which helps maintain the balance between predator and prey populations.
2. Zebras' grazing habits support other animals by keeping grass short, which makes it easier for other grazers to feed.
3. If zebras disappeared, grasslands could become overgrown, predators might struggle to find food, and the balance of the ecosystem could be disrupted.
4. Protecting zebras and their habitats is important because they contribute to biodiversity and help maintain the health of the savanna ecosystem.

