Notes That Matter

Identify relevant research details, paraphrase facts, and track sources.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.5.8 "Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details that help answer Maya's research question. Circle each source mention, then number the two different sources 1 and 2 the first time each appears.

Maya Researches Monarchs

1. Maya wanted to answer the question, "Why do monarch butterflies need milkweed?" She began with a book from her school library, Monarchs and Milkweed by Anurag Agrawal. In her notes, she wrote, "Monarch caterpillars eat milkweed leaves." She also wrote the page number, 18, so she could find the fact again. The detail helped answer her question, so it belonged in her notes.

2. Next, Maya used a digital source from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service called "Monarch Butterfly." The webpage explained that adult monarchs drink nectar from many kinds of flowers. Maya did not copy the sentence. Her note said, "Adult monarchs get food from flower nectar." She recorded the organization and webpage title. This source gave useful information, but it did not explain why caterpillars need milkweed.

3. During a visit to a community garden, Maya saw bees moving between flowers, but she did not use that observation as proof about monarch caterpillars. Instead, she used it as a separate idea about pollinators. In her finished paragraph, Maya explained that monarch caterpillars rely on milkweed leaves for food. At the end, she listed both sources: Agrawal's book and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service webpage.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which fact from the book is relevant to Maya's question? Write it as a short note.

2. Paraphrase the digital source's fact about what adult monarchs eat. Do not copy the passage's words exactly.

3. Why was Maya's garden observation not proof for her monarch caterpillar question?

4. Name the two sources Maya listed at the end of her finished paragraph.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a question about saving water at home or school. Write 2 or 3 sentences that include one relevant detail from your experience and one paraphrased fact from a print or digital source, then list the source's organization or author and title.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline details that help answer Maya's research question. Circle each source mention, then number the two different sources 1 and 2 the first time each appears. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which fact from the book is relevant to Maya's question? Write it as a short note.	**Monarch caterpillars eat milkweed leaves.**
2	Paraphrase the digital source's fact about what adult monarchs eat. Do not copy the passage's words exactly.	**Answers will vary. Example: Adult monarchs get food by drinking nectar from flowers.**
3	Why was Maya's garden observation not proof for her monarch caterpillar question?	**It was an observation about bees and pollinators, not about what monarch caterpillars need.**
4	Name the two sources Maya listed at the end of her finished paragraph.	**Agrawal's book, Monarchs and Milkweed, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service webpage, "Monarch Butterfly."**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At home, my family turns off the faucet while brushing teeth, so less water goes down the drain. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency explains that fixing household leaks saves water, so checking a dripping faucet can help. Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, "Fix a Leak Week."

Accept relevant experience details and accurately paraphrased facts that answer the student's chosen water-saving question. The source list should name an author or organization and a source title.