Monarch Text Detectives

Compare details in two texts about monarch butterflies.

ELA.2.R.3.3 "Compare and contrast important details presented by two texts on the same topic or theme."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one detail that both texts tell. Circle one detail only Text 1 tells, and draw a box around one detail only Text 2 tells.

Monarch Travelers

1. Text 1, Park Sign: Monarch butterflies drink nectar from flowers. In fall, many monarchs fly south to warmer places. They use the sun and Earth's magnetic field to guide them. A monarch can travel thousands of miles during migration.

2. Text 2, Nature Book: Adult monarchs sip nectar from many kinds of flowers. In autumn, they travel to warmer forests. Some monarchs spend winter in Mexico, and others spend winter along the California coast.

3. Text 2, Nature Book, continued: Before they fly, monarchs gather in large groups. The book says their orange wings have black lines and white spots. It also explains that monarch caterpillars eat milkweed leaves, not flower nectar.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How are the monarchs' fall trips alike in Text 1 and Text 2?

2. What is one detail about monarchs that Text 1 tells but Text 2 does not tell?

3. What is one detail that Text 2 tells but Text 1 does not tell?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences that compare the texts. In one sentence, tell a detail both texts share. In the other sentence, tell one different detail from each text.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · ELA.2.R.3.3

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one detail that both texts tell. Circle one detail only Text 1 tells, and draw a box around one detail only Text 2 tells. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How are the monarchs' fall trips alike in Text 1 and Text 2?	**Both texts say monarchs travel to warmer places in fall or autumn.**
2	What is one detail about monarchs that Text 1 tells but Text 2 does not tell?	**Text 1 says monarchs use the sun and Earth's magnetic field to guide them. It also says they can travel thousands of miles.**
3	What is one detail that Text 2 tells but Text 1 does not tell?	**Text 2 says monarch caterpillars eat milkweed leaves. It also tells about monarch wings and winter places.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Both texts say monarchs get nectar from flowers. Text 1 tells how monarchs find their way, but Text 2 tells about their wings.

Accept any accurate shared detail and any accurate difference supported by the texts. Students may use different wording, such as fall or autumn, for the same idea.