Monarch Research Trail

Follow how one student uses questions and sources to learn.

2.T.RA.1 "Research & Inquiry: Build knowledge about the world by asking or generating questions about topics of interest, researching the answers, using multiple sources, and communicating relevant and accurate information about the topic."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline Maya's research question, circle the two sources she used, and number the two facts in her report 1 and 2. This shows how she found and shared accurate information.

Maya Studies Monarchs

(1) Maya wondered, "How do monarch butterflies know when to fly south?" She wrote her question in a notebook. Then she looked for answers in a library book and on a museum website about monarchs.

(2) The book said monarchs use the Sun to help guide their flight. The museum website explained that cooler days and less sunlight help signal that it is time to migrate. Maya checked whether both sources agreed.

(3) Both sources said monarchs travel to warmer places in fall. Maya wrote, "Monarchs migrate when days grow cooler. They use the Sun to help guide their flight." She named the book and website so readers could check her facts.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What question did Maya research?

2. What two sources did Maya use to find answers?

3. What fact did both sources agree on?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a new question about monarch migration that the passage can answer. Then write a two-sentence answer using one fact from the library book and one fact from the museum website.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline Maya's research question, circle the two sources she used, and number the two facts in her report 1 and 2. This shows how she found and shared accurate information. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What question did Maya research?	**How do monarch butterflies know when to fly south?**
2	What two sources did Maya use to find answers?	**A library book and a museum website.**
3	What fact did both sources agree on?	**Monarchs travel to warmer places in fall.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Question: What helps monarchs know when and where to fly? The museum website says cooler days and less sunlight signal monarchs to migrate. The library book says monarchs use the Sun to help guide their flight.

Accept a new, answerable question about monarch migration and a two-sentence response with accurate information from both named sources. The student may use different wording if the book fact is about the Sun and the website fact is about cooler days and less sunlight.