# Source Clues

Read a model report and trace source credit.

**5.T.RA.2.c** "Use basic parenthetical citations to credit the source used. (C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

## 1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline each parenthetical citation in the passage. Circle the name of the source inside each set of parentheses to see how the writer gives credit.

### A Monarch's Long Journey

1. Monarch butterflies are easy to notice because their orange wings have black lines and white spots. In late summer and fall, many eastern monarchs begin a long trip south. Some travel from the United States and Canada to mountain forests in central Mexico. This migration can cover thousands of miles during a single season (National Geographic Society).

2. To prepare, a monarch drinks nectar from flowers and stores fat for the journey. The butterfly uses the sun and Earth's magnetic field to help it travel in the right direction. At night, thousands may rest together in trees, which helps them stay warmer. Scientists are still studying exactly how monarchs navigate so well (U.S. Forest Service).

3. People can help monarchs by planting native milkweed and nectar flowers. Milkweed is important because monarch caterpillars eat its leaves. Gardeners should choose plants that are native to their area and avoid spraying insecticides where butterflies feed. Small habitat spaces can provide food and shelter during migration (Xerces Society). These choices support butterflies and other pollinators.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How many parenthetical citations are in the passage?

2. Copy the parenthetical citation that follows the information about monarch navigation.

3. Which source would you cite for the claim that monarch caterpillars eat milkweed leaves?

4. What do all three citations have in common?

## 3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose an animal or a natural event. Write two sentences that share two accurate facts from a source you find, and put a parenthetical citation after each fact using the source's author or organization name.

ANSWER KEY

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## PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each parenthetical citation in the passage. Circle the name of the source inside each set of parentheses to see how the writer gives credit. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

## PART 2 · ANSWERS

| # | QUESTION | ANSWER |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | How many parenthetical citations are in the passage? | **3** |
| 2 | Copy the parenthetical citation that follows the information about monarch navigation. | **(U.S. Forest Service)** |
| 3 | Which source would you cite for the claim that monarch caterpillars eat milkweed leaves? | **Xerces Society** |
| 4 | What do all three citations have in common? | **Each is in parentheses and names an organization that provided information.** |

## PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Sea otters often use rocks to break open hard-shelled prey (Monterey Bay Aquarium). Their dense fur helps them stay warm in cold ocean water (Monterey Bay Aquarium).

Accept citations that are placed after the related fact and identify an author, organization, or source title. In Part 3, accept any accurate animal or natural-event facts with two clear parenthetical citations.