

Words With Care

Read a source, notice honest notes, and avoid copying.

3.13.F “recognize the difference between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words in Maya's note that are different from the website sentence. Circle the steps Maya takes to use the source honestly.

A Careful Research Note

- ① Maya is making a poster about monarch butterflies. On a park website, she reads, “Monarch butterflies travel south in the fall to find warmer places.” She wants to use this fact, but she knows the website's words belong to the writer. First, Maya reads the sentence twice. Then she looks away from the screen and thinks about its main idea.
- ② Maya writes a note in her own words. It says, “In autumn, monarchs fly to warmer areas in the south.” Her note keeps the fact but changes the sentence structure and many of the words. Maya also writes the website name beside her note so she can show where the information came from when she makes the poster.
- ③ If Maya copied the website sentence word for word and did not show where it came from, readers might think she wrote it. That is plagiarism. Changing only one or two words is also too close to the source. A good research note tells the same idea in a new way and names the source. This helps readers tell Maya's ideas from the writer's ideas.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How is Maya's note different from the sentence on the website?

2 What fact about monarch butterflies does Maya keep in her note?

3 What would Maya do if she copied the website sentence word for word without naming the website?

4 Why does Maya write the website name beside her note?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Read this source sentence: "Loggerhead sea turtles can swim thousands of miles between feeding areas and nesting beaches." From "Sea Turtle Travels." Write one sentence that tells the same idea in your own words and names the source.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the words in Maya's note that are different from the website sentence. Circle the steps Maya takes to use the source honestly. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How is Maya's note different from the sentence on the website?	It keeps the same fact but uses a different sentence structure and many different words.
2	What fact about monarch butterflies does Maya keep in her note?	Monarch butterflies fly south to warmer places in the fall.
3	What would Maya do if she copied the website sentence word for word without naming the website?	She would plagiarize the writer's work.
4	Why does Maya write the website name beside her note?	It shows where the information came from.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Loggerhead sea turtles may travel thousands of miles between where they eat and where they lay eggs, according to "Sea Turtle Travels."

Accept a paraphrase that keeps the idea that loggerhead turtles travel very long distances between eating and nesting places. The response should use mostly new wording and name "Sea Turtle Travels" as the source.