Monarch Life Clues

Find a topic, facts, and an opinion.

1.RI.1 "Key Ideas and Confirming Details Ask and answer literal (who, what, when, where) and inferential (why, how) questions about what is read, including demonstrating an understanding of the main topics..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that tells the big idea. Number three facts 1, 2, and 3, then circle the opinion.

The Life of a Monarch

1. Monarch butterflies are orange and black insects. In spring, many monarchs fly north from Mexico and California. They look for milkweed plants. A female monarch lays her eggs on milkweed leaves.

2. After an egg hatches, a caterpillar eats milkweed. Then it forms a hard case called a chrysalis. Inside, the caterpillar changes. Later, an adult butterfly comes out and dries its wings.

3. Monarchs need safe places with flowers and milkweed. Flowers give adult butterflies nectar to drink. I think monarchs are amazing because they travel so far. A monarch's life has many stages.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Where does a female monarch lay her eggs?

2. Why is milkweed important to a young monarch? Use two details from the passage.

3. Which sentence is an opinion? How can you tell?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write one main-idea sentence about the passage. Add two fact details from the passage that were not used in Questions 1 or 2, then write and label one opinion of your own about monarchs.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that tells the big idea. Number three facts 1, 2, and 3, then circle the opinion. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Where does a female monarch lay her eggs?	**She lays her eggs on milkweed leaves.**
2	Why is milkweed important to a young monarch? Use two details from the passage.	**Female monarchs lay eggs on milkweed leaves, and caterpillars eat milkweed.**
3	Which sentence is an opinion? How can you tell?	**"I think monarchs are amazing because they travel so far" is an opinion. The words "I think" show what the writer believes.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Main idea: Monarch butterflies change as they grow. Fact: A caterpillar forms a hard case called a chrysalis. Fact: An adult butterfly comes out and dries its wings. Opinion: Monarchs are interesting to watch.

Accept a main idea about monarch butterflies changing as they grow or having life stages. Accept accurate supporting facts from the passage that are different from the answers to Questions 1 and 2, plus a clearly labeled personal opinion.