Credit Clues

Notice how a researcher gives credit for borrowed work.

4.R.1.F "Avoid plagiarism and give proper credit by providing citations whenever using another person's media, facts, ideas, graphics, music, and direct quotations."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each citation or credit line in the passage. Number the underlined parts 1 through 4 to show whether each one credits a fact, graphic, direct quotation, or music.

Lena's Butterfly Slides

(1) For a slide show about monarch butterflies, Lena found a fact on the U.S. Forest Service website: monarchs travel thousands of miles between Canada and Mexico. She wrote the fact in her own words, then added a citation on the slide: U.S. Forest Service, "Monarch Butterfly." Changing the words did not make the fact hers. The citation tells where the information came from.

(2) Next, Lena chose a migration map made by Journey North. Under the map, she wrote, "Map: Journey North, Monarch Migration Map." She did not draw the map, so she gave credit to its creator. On another slide, she used Carl Sagan's exact words: "Science is more than a body of knowledge. It is a way of thinking." She used quotation marks and cited Carl Sagan, The Demon-Haunted World, 1995.

(3) Lena found a short music clip online for her butterfly video. Before using it, she checked the license. The clip was marked Creative Commons Attribution, so her final screen said, "Music: 'Carefree' by Kevin MacLeod, Incompetech, CC BY 4.0." If she could not find a source or permission, Lena would choose different music. Credit helps readers tell what work belongs to Lena and what came from others.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why did Lena cite the U.S. Forest Service after writing the monarch fact in her own words?

2. What two actions did Lena take when she used Carl Sagan's exact words?

3. What credit line did Lena put under the migration map?

4. What would Lena do if she could not find a source or permission for music?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine you are making a short video about an animal. Write one fact in your own words from a source you choose, add a citation that names the author or organization and title, then add a credit line for music, an image, or a direct quotation you would use.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · 4.R.1.F

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each citation or credit line in the passage. Number the underlined parts 1 through 4 to show whether each one credits a fact, graphic, direct quotation, or music. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why did Lena cite the U.S. Forest Service after writing the monarch fact in her own words?	**The fact came from the U.S. Forest Service, so it was not Lena's own information.**
2	What two actions did Lena take when she used Carl Sagan's exact words?	**She used quotation marks and cited Carl Sagan's book, The Demon-Haunted World.**
3	What credit line did Lena put under the migration map?	**"Map: Journey North, Monarch Migration Map."**
4	What would Lena do if she could not find a source or permission for music?	**She would choose different music.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Sea otters use rocks to open hard-shelled prey. Source: Monterey Bay Aquarium, "Sea Otter." Music: "Sneaky Snitch" by Kevin MacLeod, Incompetech, CC BY 4.0.

Accept answers that explain that borrowed facts, exact words, graphics, and media need credit. For Part 3, accept any accurate fact with a source citation and a separate, clear credit line for borrowed media or a direct quotation.