

AMAZING MONARCHS



SUMMER READING

Grades: K-4

Objectives: Students will practice their informational reading and note-taking skills.

What's Inside?

- Reading passage
- Student Handout
- Note Organizer

Sources: Read Works and CILC Maker Space

A Butterfly's Life

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Butterflies are beautiful insects. You often see them around colorful flowers. A butterfly's life begins in a special way. First, a mother butterfly lays an egg on a leaf. A caterpillar hatches from the egg. The caterpillar eats leaves and grows bigger.

Next, the caterpillar spins a covering around itself. The covering is called a chrysalis (KRIS-a-liss). Inside the chrysalis, the caterpillar slowly changes. The parts of a butterfly begin to form, like the wings, legs, and antennae.

About two weeks later, a new creature pops out of the chrysalis. It has become a butterfly! The butterfly flutters its wings and flies away.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

1. What kind of animal is a butterfly?

- a) Butterflies are reptiles.
- b) Butterflies are insects.
- c) Butterflies are mammals.

2. The text describes the different steps in a butterfly's life. What are butterflies when they first hatch?

- a) Butterflies hatch as worms.
- b) Butterflies hatch as caterpillars.
- c) Butterflies hatch as fully grown butterflies.

3. Read the following sentences from the text:

"Inside the chrysalis, the caterpillar slowly changes. The parts of a butterfly begin to form, like the wings, legs, and antennae.

"About two weeks later, a new creature pops out of the chrysalis. It has become a butterfly!"

Based on this information, when does the caterpillar turn into a butterfly?

- a) while it is in the chrysalis
- b) after it leaves the chrysalis
- c) before it spins the chrysalis

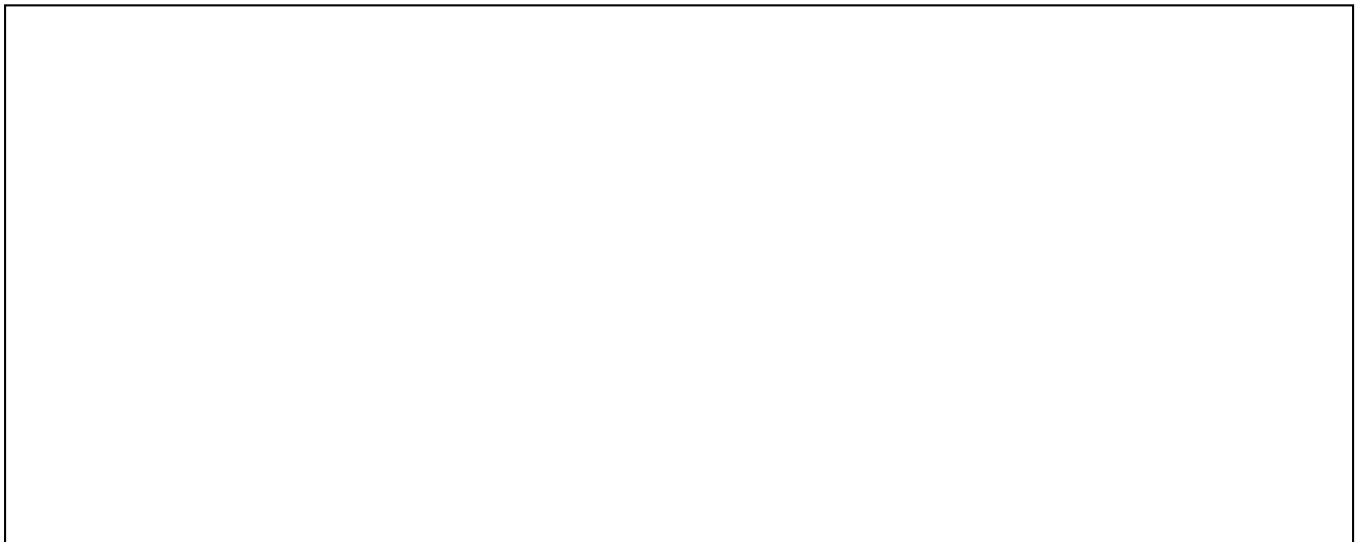
4. What is "A Butterfly's Life" mostly about?

- a) how butterflies make a chrysalis
- b) what butterflies eat
- c) the life of a butterfly

5. What can you often see butterflies around?

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6. Draw a butterfly that has just emerged from its chrysalis.



7. What did you learn from "A Butterfly's Life"?

8. **Class Discussion Question:** Use information from the text to summarize the steps in the life of a butterfly.

3-2-1 Notes

Name _____

Topic _____

3 things I learned

1.

2.

3.

2 questions I have

1.

2.

1 picture