

Escape the Science Magazine

Main Ideas & Text Structure

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle the best answer for 1 and 2. Answer 3 in complete sentences.

1. An article tells the history of the Wright brothers' first flight in order. What is its structure?

- (A) Chronological
- (B) Compare and contrast
- (C) Problem and solution
- (D) Cause and effect

2. Which text feature explains a photograph?

- (A) Glossary
- (B) Heading
- (C) Caption
- (D) Index

Read: Monarch butterflies travel up to 3,000 miles to Mexico each fall. First, they gather in groups. Next, they ride warm air currents south. Finally, they rest in the same forests where their great-grandparents spent the winter. However, as milkweed disappears, fewer monarchs complete the trip.

3. What is the main idea of the passage, and what text structure does most of it use? Support your answer with evidence.

Use RACE: Restate, Answer, Cite, Explain.

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Total: 5 points. Mastery: 4 or more.

#	Answer	Points
1	(A) Chronological	1 point
2	(C) Caption	1 point
3	R: The main idea of the passage is about the monarchs' journey. A: Monarch butterflies make a long, amazing migration to Mexico, and most of the passage uses sequence structure. C: The text says they "travel up to 3,000 miles" and uses the signal words "First," "Next," and "Finally." E: This shows the author explains the migration in order, step by step, because the signal words show a sequence.	3 points: Main idea stated; Structure: sequence; Cites signal words.