

Flight of the Monarchs

Main Ideas & Text Structure

Name: _____ Date: _____

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

1. Which signal words show a compare-and-contrast structure?

- (A) First, next, finally
- (B) Because, as a result
- (C) However, both, in contrast
- (D) The problem is, one solution

2. Which detail supports the main idea "Monarchs need milkweed to survive"?

- (A) Monarch caterpillars eat only milkweed
- (B) Monarchs are orange and black
- (C) Mexico is south of Texas
- (D) Butterflies can fly

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	(C) However, both, in contrast	1 point
2	(A) Monarch caterpillars eat only milkweed	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.