



Yam Festival



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GRAPHIC ORGANIZER SAMPLE

Name: Pat Johnson

Beginning

- many holidays for food
- yam festival about food

Middle

Question #1

Is it an important festival? (yes)

Detail

main food is
yam in Africa

Detail

special food
in Jamaica

Question #2

How is it celebrated? (lots of tradition)

Detail

thank gods
and ancestors

Detail

oldest man eats
first yam

Ending

- like Thanksgiving
- both holidays thankful for food

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Beginning

Middle

Question #1

Detail

Detail

Question #2

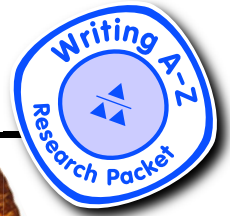
Detail

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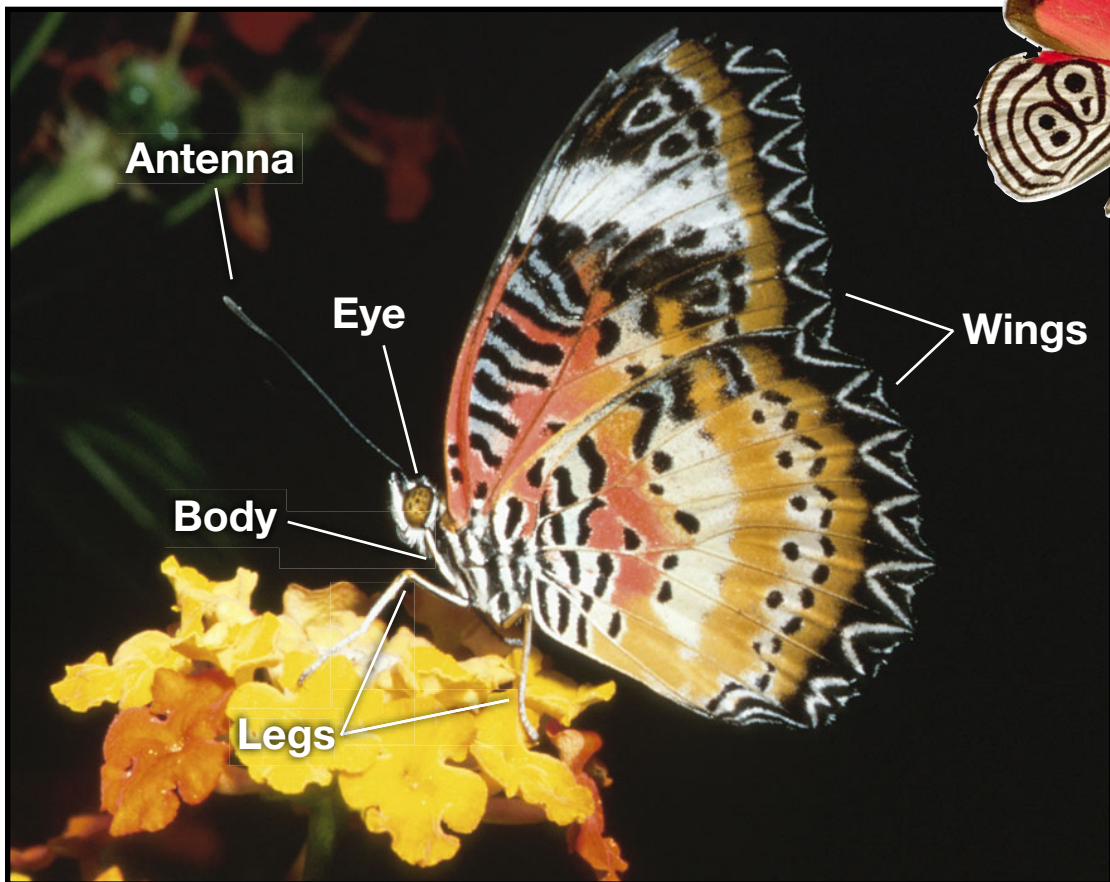
Ending

Chapter 2

Butterflies



Butterflies are flying insects. There are many kinds of butterflies. They are found all over the world. Every butterfly has a main body, six legs, four wings, and two antennae. Their wings have different colors and patterns on them.





This butterfly drinks nectar from a flower.

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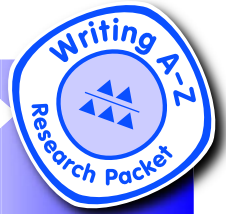
Many butterflies live by flowers. Butterflies use their wings to fly from flower to flower. They drink a sweet liquid in the flowers called nectar. Butterflies also hide in flowers so that their enemies don't see them.



Some butterflies are the same color as flowers to help them hide from enemies.

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The AMAZING Butterfly

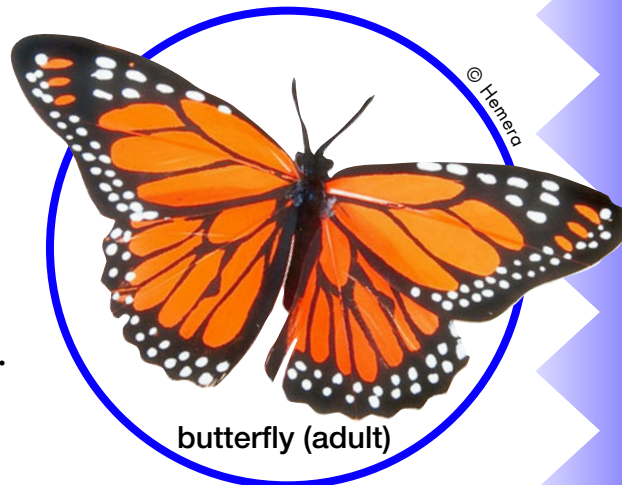
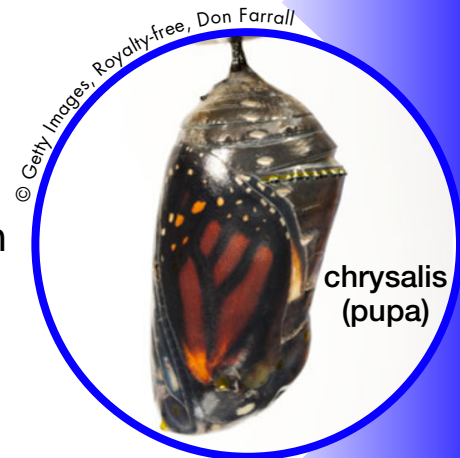
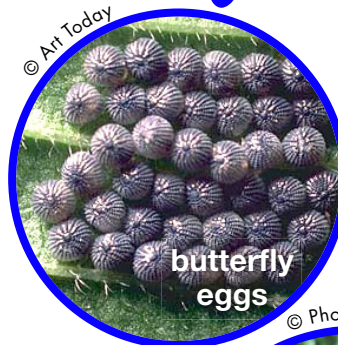


By Tyler Clare

A butterfly goes through many changes as it grows. It begins as a tiny egg. The egg is smaller than your little toenail. After a few months, the egg hatches. A small caterpillar, or larva, crawls out. The caterpillar is very hungry. It will eat lots of green plants and begin to grow very quickly. When it is fully grown, the caterpillar forms a hard shell around its body called a chrysalis. It goes through many changes inside the chrysalis. Soon an adult butterfly breaks out.

The butterfly looks very different from the caterpillar. It now has a small body with four large wings and six legs. The butterfly has two antennas on its head that it uses to smell and feel. It also has two huge eyes. The butterfly's long tongue helps it suck up nectar like using a straw.

Many kinds of butterflies live all over the world, and they can be beautiful to watch. Butterflies are among nature's most amazing insects.



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POSTER



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Middle Main Idea #2

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Details

Ending

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BIBLIOGRAPHY GUIDE



Book (one author)

- a. first and last name of the author
- b. name of the book, underlined

Example: Sam Smith. Holidays Around the World.



Book (many authors)

- a. first and last names of the authors
- b. name of the book, underlined

Example: Pat Parks and Sam Smith. World Festivals.



Encyclopedia

- a. name of the article
- b. name of the encyclopedia, underlined

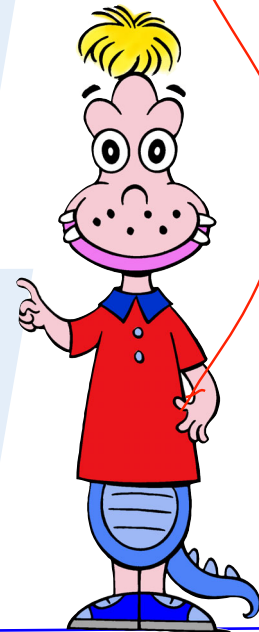
Example: Yam Festival. Knowledge Encyclopedia.



Magazine

- a. first and last name of the author(s)
- b. name of article, in quotation marks
- c. name of magazine, underlined

Example: Sam Smith. "Yam Festival." Holiday Fun.



Instructions: Have students write a bibliography listing at least two sources using the format above.

TEACHER RUBRIC

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions: Check the box next to each number that best describes the student's writing.

A. Introduction

- ☐ 4. Developed introduction in paragraph form
- ☐ 3. Introduction with some detail included
- ☐ 2. Simple beginning paragraph
- ☐ 1. Simple beginning sentence
- ☐ 0. Missing a beginning/introduction



B. Body: Organizes main ideas

- ☐ 4. Three or more developed main ideas; each idea organized into a paragraph
- ☐ 3. Three main ideas each organized into a paragraph
- ☐ 2. More than one main idea organized into a paragraph
- ☐ 1. Facts organized into simple sentences; no paragraphs
- ☐ 0. No organization of main ideas; random words and/or phrases

C. Includes supportive details

- ☐ 3. At least three supportive details about each main idea
- ☐ 2. At least two supportive details about each main idea
- ☐ 1. Basic detail included about some ideas
- ☐ 0. No details included

D. Sources

- ☐ 3. Uses three or more sources
- ☐ 2. Uses two sources
- ☐ 1. Uses one source
- ☐ 0. No sources used

E. Conclusion

- ☐ 4. Developed conclusion in paragraph form
- ☐ 3. Conclusion with some detail included
- ☐ 2. Simple ending paragraph
- ☐ 1. Simple ending sentence
- ☐ 0. Missing an ending/conclusion

Beginning: 0-5
 Early Developing: 6-10
 Developing: 11-13
 Fluent: 14-18

Score _____

