Migrating Monarchs

A Cross-Curricular Unit on Butterflies

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Understanding What You Read

Fill in the word web below with information from the article.

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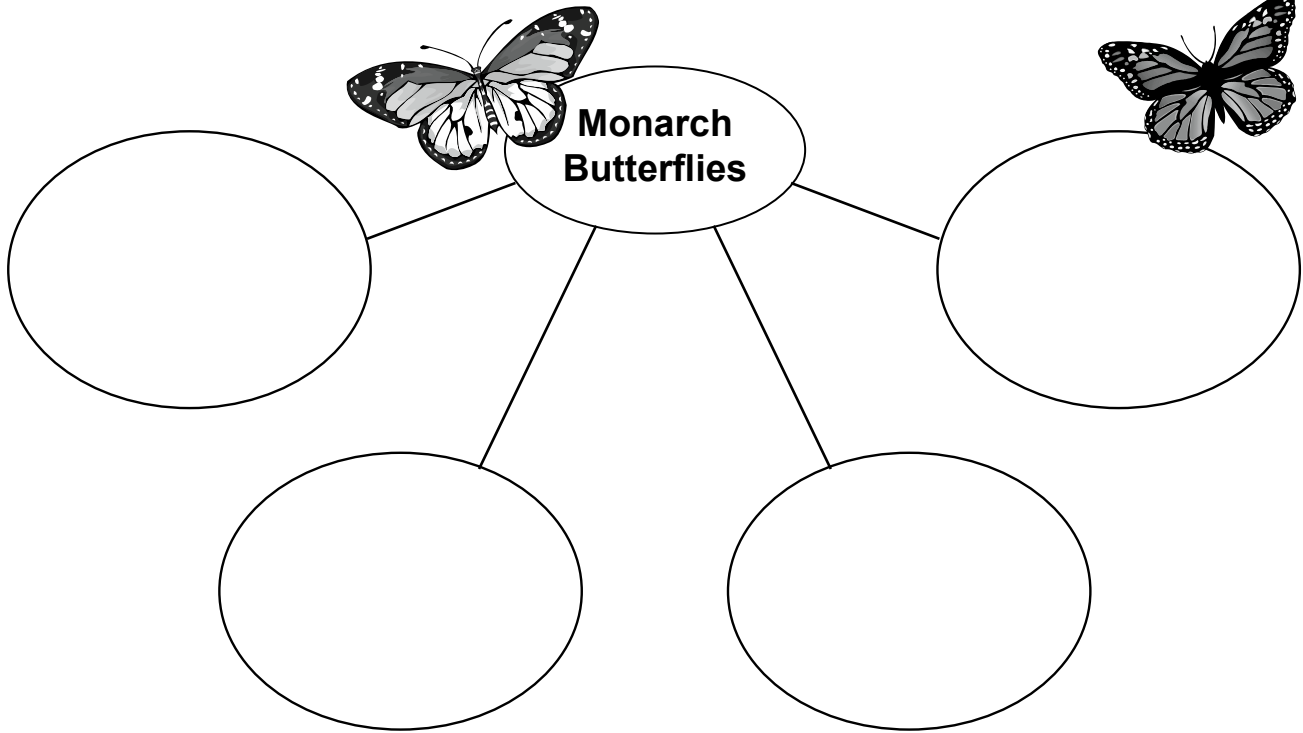
Tell Your Own Story

Imagine that you are a monarch beginning your migration. Write about your adventures in a diary format. _____

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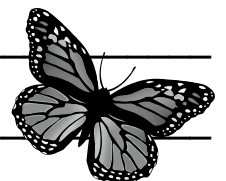
Vocabulary Builder

A suffix is a word part added to the end of a word. If you know the meaning of suffixes, you can figure out new words. You can also make new combinations of words. Use a dictionary to find the meanings of these suffixes. Write the meaning on the line. Then write a word that uses the suffix.

1. –tion _____

2. –ly _____

3. –able _____

4. –ous _____

5. –ment _____

Map Moments

Look at the western hemisphere on a world map. Find the latitude markings. Butterfly migration begins from 49ºN latitude and continues to 27ºN. Is each of the following locations within the monarch's migration range? Write "Yes" or "No" on the line.

_____ 1. Lima, Peru

_____ 2. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

_____ 3. Dallas, Texas

_____ 4. Anchorage, Alaska

_____ 5. San Diego, California