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BIOINDICATOR SPECIES

Monarch Butterflies Matter

Why Do I Care?

You may not live in an area where monarch butterflies migrate. But that does not mean you cannot think about how these bioindicators affect your life. What kinds of things do monarchs tell us about the environment more broadly?



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Take a Stand

Chapter Four talks about poor farmers living near the Monarch Biosphere Reserve. Some people sell wood they collect in the reserve to support their families. Do you think these farmers should have the right to collect wood from the reserve? Why or why not?



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Say What?

Studying the bioindicator animals can mean learning a lot of new vocabulary. Find five words in this book you have never heard before. Use a dictionary to find out what they mean. Then write the meanings in your own words, and use each word in a new sentence.



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Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about monarch butterflies? With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources that can help you answer your questions. Write a paragraph about what you learned.



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