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Two Texts About Monarch Butterflies

Text 1: Every fall, millions of monarch butterflies leave Canada and the northern United States. They fly south to the mountains of central Mexico. Some of them travel nearly three thousand miles. That is a long trip for an insect that weighs less than a paper clip. The trip south can take about two months. The butterflies stop along the way to drink nectar from flowers. In Mexico, they rest in fir trees for the winter. So many crowd together that the branches bend under their weight. In spring, they start flying north again.

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   Text 1 Text 2 both texts

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   Text 1 is about caterpillars, and Text 2 is about grown butterflies.
   Text 1 is about the long trip, and Text 2 explains why monarchs need milkweed.
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3. Which text would help you answer "How can my class help monarchs?"
   Text 1, because it tells about the fir forests
   Text 2, because it tells about planting milkweed
   Text 1, because it tells about nectar on the trip

4. What important point about where monarchs go do both texts make?
   Monarchs fly south to Mexico each fall.
   Monarchs travel about three hundred miles.
   Monarchs lay their eggs in fir trees.

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