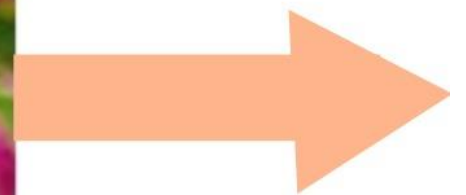


monarch

BUTTERFLY

The monarch butterfly is sometimes called the "milkweed butterfly" because its larvae eat a plant called "Milkweed." The toxins from milkweed make the butterfly poisonous, and bigger animals won't eat them.



They lay their eggs on milkweed leaves and the eggs hatch, in 3 to 12 days.



They eat leaves for 2 weeks and turn into caterpillars about 2 inches long.



COLOR THE
caterpillar



The caterpillars attach themselves head down to a twig and in just hours, they turn into a pupa (or chrysalis).

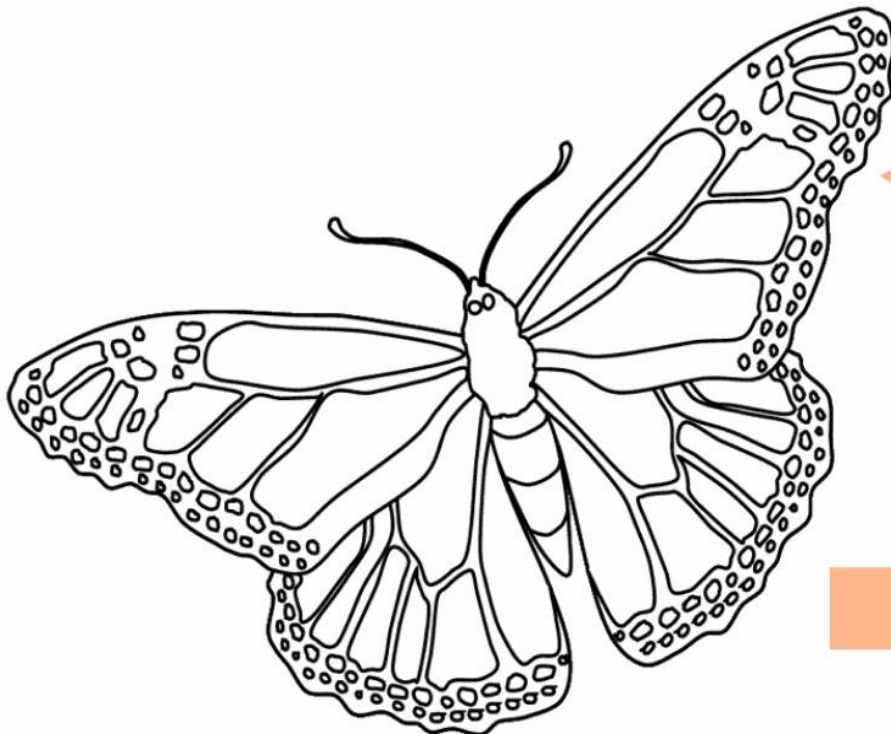


COLOR THE
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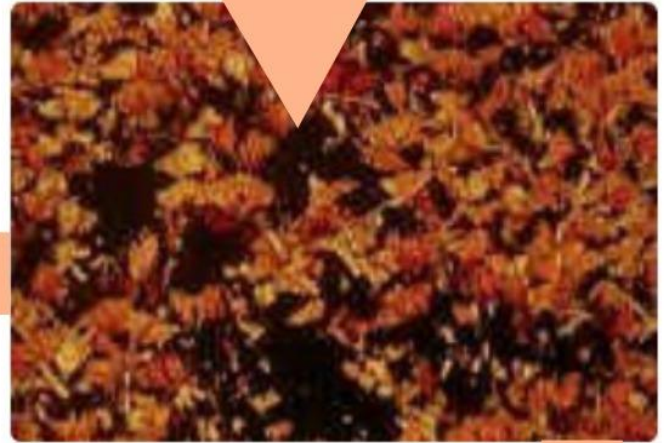


The caterpillar stays in the cocoon and in two weeks it turns into a butterfly. When it first comes out of the cocoon, it fills its wings with blood and then waits until they stiffen and dry before it flies away.

**CIRCLE THE
COLORS OF THE
monarch butterfly**



Each fall, monarch butterflies fly south to Mexico so they can be warm. In the spring, they fly north again to the United States and Canada.



Color Canada
ORANGE



Color the United
States **BLUE.**

Color Mexico
GREEN.



IT'S SUMMER, THE BUTTERFLIES ARE BACK-

welcome back butterflies!



Group A has _____ butterflies. Group B has _____ butterflies.
How many butterflies are there in all? _____ butterflies..



Can you draw
your own
butterfly?
Color it
whatever colors
you want!

