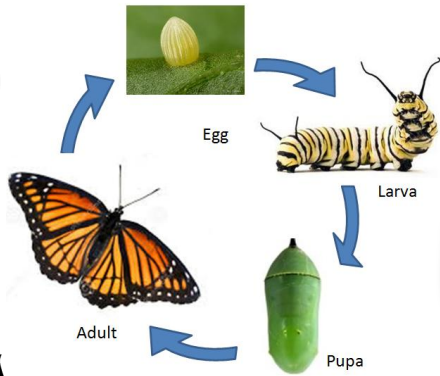


# Monarch Butterflies!



Monarch butterflies are insects. They are black and orange with white dots. They have four stages in their life cycle; egg, caterpillar (larvae), pupa (chrysalis) and adult butterfly.

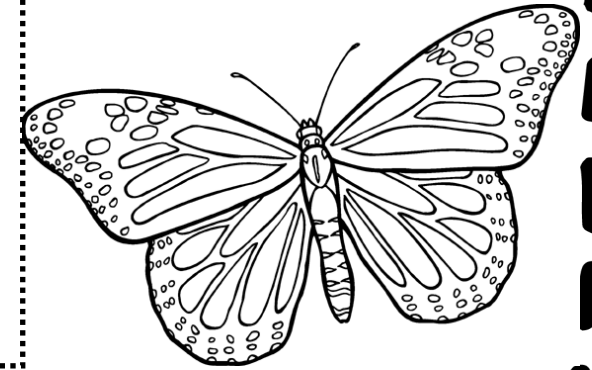
Monarchs lay their eggs on the underside of milkweed leaves. Tiny caterpillars hatch and eat the milkweed leaves. They grow until they are about 2 inches long. They then attach themselves upside down under a milkweed leaf in the form of a J. They spin a chrysalis or pupa around themselves with silk strands. They begin the process of metamorphosis or change. They are in a pupa for about 10 days and then emerge as beautiful butterflies.

North American monarch butterflies migrate south each year to Southern California or Mexico. This journey is over 2,000 miles!



## Star Words

egg  
chrysalis  
metamorphosis  
migrate  
milkweed  
pupa



1. The four stages of the butterfly are \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Monarch butterflies eat \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Metamorphosis means \_\_\_\_\_.
4. They are in a pupa for \_\_\_\_\_ days.
5. What does migrate mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*\* Color the black and white picture above.  
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