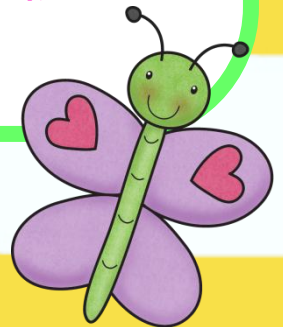


What's the MAIN topic?

Directions:

Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text.

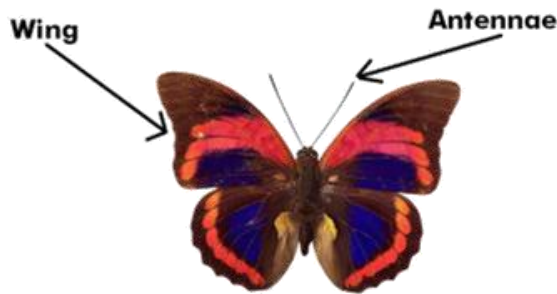
Students read the passage and use the activity page to identify the main topic of each paragraph and then the entire article.



TOPIC

The subject of a text

The Beautiful Butterfly



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Butterflies come in many different colors and sizes. The world's smallest butterfly, The Blue Pygmy, has a wingspan the size of a nickel. The world's biggest butterfly, Queen Alexandra's Birdwing, has a wingspan of 12 inches! When you see a butterfly, you must enjoy the moment. The lifespan of most butterflies is only 20 to 40 days. Some butterflies only live for three to four days.

A butterfly starts out as an egg and grows into a caterpillar. The caterpillar then forms a hard shell called a chrysalis. Inside of the chrysalis, the caterpillar turns into a butterfly. You can find butterflies anywhere in the world, except for Antarctica. Why do you think butterflies don't live in Antarctica?

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What is the topic of this article?

