



NeSA Text Dependent Analysis (TDA)

2016 Released Passage

Grade 6

Passage: Monarch Migration

Scoring Guide

In the story "Monarch Migration Celebration," Nana is an important character. Analyze how Nana's character impacts the plot. Write a well-organized, structured response using specific evidence from the story to support your answer.

Writer's Checklist

In the passage, "Monarch Migration Celebration", Nana is an important character that impacts the plot. She inspires the narrator to find out where the monarchs have gone, she helps to organize the community around the monarch cause, and she consequently brings the monarchs back to the narrator's town. She is a very influential character.

First, Nana inspires the narrator to find out where the monarchs have gone. The passage states that when the narrator gets an assignment on the life cycle of the monarch butterfly, she is excited, and tells Nana. This shows that she is already passionate about monarch butterflies. Nana stimulates this interest when she tells the narrator about her experiences with the monarchs. She then plans with the narrator to find out where the monarchs have gone. In doing this, she inspires the narrator to find out where the butterflies have gone.

After Nana and the narrator do research on the monarch butterflies, they decide to organize the community to help save the monarchs. In the passage, Nana presents the idea to her garden club, who in turn convince the Parks and Recreation Board to plant a butterfly garden. This shows that she is very influential in organizing the community behind the monarch cause.

Because Nana puts so much hard work into the monarch cause, she helps put the monarch population back in the narrator's town. The passage states that one day the monarchs returned in a brilliant orange display of wings. Nana cried "tears of happiness" the day the butterflies returned. This shows that she was happy because her goal was finally accomplished.

In conclusion, Nana is a very influential character in "Monarch Migration Celebration". She inspires the narrator to investigate why the monarchs are disappearing, helps her to organize the community, and eventually brings back the monarch population. Without Nana's experience, knowledge, and support, the monarchs might have never come back.

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Score Point 4

This response demonstrates exemplary analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. This response thoroughly addresses all parts of the task and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the text. Explicit ideas (*she tells the narrator about her experiences with the monarchs... one day the monarchs returned in a brilliant orange display of wings...*) and implicit ideas from the text (*she is a very influential character... she is already passionate... she inspires the narrator... she is very influential in organizing the community behind the monarch cause*) are thoroughly analyzed. Evidence is skillfully integrated through the synthesis of specific details and examples from the text. The relevant and accurate evidence chosen thoroughly supports the analysis that Nana is a very influential character in the story. Paraphrases and quotes are skillfully used. The response is well-focused and includes a purposeful introduction/thesis, body, and conclusion. The response skillfully demonstrates an appropriate organizational pattern and mode suited to the task. Precise word choice and content specific vocabulary are skillfully used to enhance ideas. Errors in conventions do not interfere with meaning.

In the story "Monarch Migration Celebration," Nana is an important character. Analyze how Nana's character impacts the plot. Write a well-organized, structured response using specific evidence from the story to support your answer.

Writer's Checklist

Without Nana in Monarch Migration Celebration, many events wouldn't have happened. Nana played an important role in the story, and without her the main character would not have been able to impact her town as much as she did.

Nana impacts the story's plot because she had the farm, that the main character went to during the summer and saw the monarchs migrate. In the story Nana says: "I remember when I was a girl out on the farm," she said. "Those orange and black butterflies were a common sight. Come late summer, there would suddenly be hundreds of them, and before long there were so many butterflies it felt like you were standing in an orange cloud." If Nana had not lived on her farm when she was a child, she wouldn't probably have really cared about the butterflies migrating, and that would have caused her to not really know about butterflies and helping the main character. If Nana didn't have her farm then the event when she said she saw hundreds of butterflies fly across her farm when she was a kid wouldn't have happened, and the event where they decided to do something wouldn't have happened.

The second way Nana impacted the story's plot was by caring that the monarch population was declining every year. In Monarch Migration Celebration it says: "To be honest, I've never known what happened to the butterflies," Nana admitted. "But there do seem to be fewer monarchs fluttering around the neighborhood each summer. Perhaps we should try to find out where they've gone." And: "The next week, Nana presented the idea (the idea that they should create a Monarch Waystation) to her garden club and the members of her book club; I talked to my teachers, friends, and neighbors. Many people agreed to plant milkweed and nectar plants in their gardens." Without Nana researching about the monarchs and what they need to live, and what is happening she wouldn't have been able to save the butterflies from coming extinct. Also without Nana being in the story many people (event the main character) wouldn't even have thought about saving the monarchs or even thinking about them. If Nana didn't do that the events about saving the Monarch's wouldn't have happened.

The third way Nana impacted the story's plot was by getting the town involved. The story says: "As spring turned into summer, those dedicated volunteers also worked to weed and care for the public gardens." Also: "Many people agreed to plant milkweed and nectar in their gardens. Nana's garden club convinced the Parks and Recreation Board to plant a small butterfly garden next to the city fountain. Nana got the town involved so that they were doing stuff to help the Monarch's in their daily lives AND having them do it in summer too. The town could have been relaxing and doing other stuff over the summer, but instead they helped. It was all do to Nana's effort. Without the town getting involved the event where they planted and helped keep it nice wouldn't have happened.

In conclusion Nana helped the the story's plot by having the farm, caring that the monarch population was dying off, and getting the town involved. If Nana never did/had that stuff then basically all the events wouldn't have happened.

3212/6000

Score Point 4

This response demonstrates exemplary analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. This response addresses all parts of the task and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the text by thoroughly analyzing the events in the story where Nana's character impacts the plot. The analysis contains logical reasoning that thoroughly explains how Nana's character impacts the plot (*If Nana didn't have her farm then the event when she said she saw hundreds of butterflies fly across her farm when she was a kid wouldn't have happened, and the event where they decided to do something wouldn't have happened...Without nana reaserching abot the monarchs and what they need to liv, and what is happening she wouldn't have been able to save butterflies...without Nana being in the story many people...wouldn't have even thought about saving the butterflies...Nana got the town involved...Without the town getting involved the event where they planted and helped keep it nice wouldn't have happened*). Specific and accurate evidence from the story is integrated to thoroughly support the analysis. Although there is a slight misunderstanding of the text in the first sentence of the first body paragraph (*Nana impacts the story's plot because she had the farm, that the main character went to during the summer and saw the monarchs migrate*), this is a misconstruing of an implicit idea in the text and does not contradict any explicit text facts. Information is consistently attributed to the text (*In the story Nana says...in Monarch Migration Celebration it says...The story says*). The response is well-focused and includes a purposeful introduction, body paragraphs that move through each idea with evidence and analysis, and a conclusion that restates the ideas which have been developed. Content-specific vocabulary from the text is skillfully used, however precise word choice is only used occasionally. Though errors in conventions of standard English are present, these errors seldom interfere with meaning.

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Writer's Checklist

Have you ever thought that a story wouldn't be the same without one specific character? Well that's what I think of Nana in this story. One reason is that if Nana hadn't remembered these stories, the narrator never would have thought of helping out the monarchs. Also, if Nana hadn't helped recruit people for the job, then the narrator and Nana would've not had as much helpers. If Nana wasn't there to help investigate, then it would be hard for everyone to believe a fifth grader. Let's move onto reason number one.

If Nana hadn't remembered the stories of when she was a child, it could've had a big impact on the story. For instance, she actually saw the monarchs, so the whole "seeing is believing" thing, we can check that box off because Nana saw the butterflies and believed it. Also, because Nana described her memory in such detail, saying, "It felt like you were standing in an orange cloud.", could've made the narrator feel bad for her and he wanted her to have that joyful feeling again. Adding onto that, Nana also said, "To be honest, I've never known what happened to the butterflies.". She also said, "But there do seem to be fewer monarchs fluttering around the neighborhood each summer.". Then she hinted that they should try to find out what happened to them. Now onto reason two.

If Nana hadn't helped recruit people for the job, they would have had to deal with having less volunteers. By presenting the idea to her garden club and the members of her book club, that alone could've been at least a third of the volunteers. Next as a cause of Nana convincing her gardening club to help, her gardening club convinced the Parks and Recreation Board to plant a butterfly garden next to the city fountain. Next we're going onto reason number three.

My last reason is that if Nana hadn't helped with the research it would've been hard to have everyone believe in a fifth grader to run that big of a project. If you are an older and/or successful human being you will have more credibility. Nana, being older, has more credibility. So, people will more likely trust her with a big project than a fifth grader. I'm not saying this is as important at all but, if there were some things the narrator couldn't understand then Nana could've helped the narrator. Also, Nana's enthusiasm for the project was a sure sign that she was going to help or that she approved of the idea. Sadly, I have to end this test soon, so I'm coming to the conclusion.

See what I mean? If Nana wasn't in the story then the show couldn't have gone on. Reasons being because if she hadn't remembered the childhood stories, the narrator never would've gotten the idea to save the butterflies. If she hadn't helped recruit people they would've had less volunteers to go through with the project. Finally no one would have believed a fifth grader. I must end this test now. That is my essay on how Nana impacts the plot.

2969/6000

Score Point 3

This response demonstrates effective analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The response addresses all parts of the task and demonstrates understanding of the text. Explicit ideas are analyzed through the presentation of direct quotes and examples from the text and implicit ideas text are presented primarily through analysis of what would have happened if Nana was not in the story (*if Nana hadn't helped recruit people for the job, they would have had to deal with less people...if Nana hadn't helped with the research it would've been hard to have everyone believe in a fifth grader to run that big of a project*). Details, examples, and quotes are integrated into the response. The evidence provided is relevant and accurate and supports the analysis that the story would not have been the same if Nana was not in it. Paraphrases and quotes attribute information to the text. The response is focused and includes a clear introduction, body, conclusion, and transitions. Precise word choice and vocabulary from the text are utilized. Errors in conventions seldom interfere with meaning.

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Writer's Checklist

In the story "Monarch Migration Celebration", Nana plays an important role in making this plot happen. I can name four ways that Nana made most of this story happen. Keep in mind, these are only four ways how she did this, and it may not be every single way she made this happen. But anyways, let's get into this.

One way that Nana played a big role in this story is that, according to paragraph two, Nana remembers when she was a girl out on the farm and the monarchs were a common sight. But later on, when she's a grandma, she sees fewer and fewer monarchs roaming, so she gives out an idea of investigating where the monarchs have gone. This matters, because if Nana didn't give out that idea, it's likely that the monarchs would be gone in this story.

Another reason that Nana is important in this story is because, according to paragraph nine, Nana shared the now building of the Monarch Waystation to her book and garden club. This is important because the Monarch Waystation probably wouldn't get this much attention if she didn't share that with her book and garden club, because then the garden club wouldn't have shared the news with the Parks and Recreation Board.

My third piece of evidence supporting that Nana makes most of this story come to life is that, according to paragraph 11, Nana and the one girl or boy or other that we do not know the name of wrote a blog to get people's attention about this situation. This also plays a big role because people across the county wouldn't contact them, meaning no observations from them, no ideas from them, no reflections from them, and no email that tells them that the monarchs were on the move...from them.

But this one piece of evidence proves once and for all that Nana basically makes this story. Because without it, none of this would've happened.

If Nana wouldn't have reminisced in paragraph two, this whole thing wouldn't even be in consideration. Normally I would explain why this matters right about now, but it's basically self explanatory with what I just said.

Four ways in how Nana is important in this story is because of her idea to investigate, her sharing the building of the Monarch Waystation to her book and garden club, her and what'sitsface writing a blog about this whole situation, and her reminiscing. All of that holds this whole story together. Again, these ways may not be the only ways Nana helped in this situation, it's just that if I named all of them in this constructed response, I would run out of words.

2557/6000

Score Point 3

This response demonstrates effective analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The response addresses all parts of the task and demonstrates understanding of the text. Explicit and implicit ideas from the text are analyzed (*if Nana didn't give out that idea [investigating where the monarchs have gone] it's likely that the monarchs would be gone in this story...if she didn't share that with her book and garden club... then the garden club wouldn't have shared the news with the Parks and Recreation Board...[Nana] wrote a blog...email tells them that the monarchs are on the move*). Evidence is integrated into the response with specific details that support the analysis. Paraphrasing is used that attributes information to the text (*according to paragraph two...according to paragraph nine*). The response is focused on how Nana's character impacts the plot and includes a clear introduction, body, and conclusion. Precise word choice is used (*roaming, reminisced*) and vocabulary from the story is used. Conventions of standard English are demonstrated.

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Writer's Checklist

In the story "Monarch Migration Celebration" Nana impacts the plot for many reasons. This is a story about how a 5th grade girl wrote a essay about Monarchs and got a good grade. When she got home she told her Nana about the grade and it reminded Nana about her childhood. The three reasons she impacts the plot are The history she had with monarchs, planning the return, and the resolution.

Nana was an important character because of the history she had with monarchs. She remembered her childhood when she was on the farm. "They were a common sight," Nana said. Towards the end of summer they were hundreds of butterflies. She never knew what happened to the butterflies. Thats when they wanted to find out. As you can see, Nana's history with monarchs are apart of what makes her an impotent character.

Planning the return of the monarchs also helped make her character unique. First they went to the library for research. They were detirmented to find out where all these butterflies were disappearing to. they found tons of information Nana tried to put together. She found out that the number of monarchs had down the last several decades. Weed prevention practices have ruined the monarch's shelters. They knew that this would take "a little bit of land, some seeds, and dedicated people to create what's called a Monarch Waystation."

The resolution was the ending result that Nana became the most important. They recruited many people from there community to help start garden club. They told everyone they knew about it and then talked to Parks and Recreation Board. They convinced them to plant a butterfly garden next to the city foundation. Farmers donated small sections of there feilds to help. As it got to summer those dedicated volunteers all came to wait to see if there plan worked, and it did!

The history she had with the monarchs, the planning, and the resolution all made Nana the important character she is. As you can see, all you need is some people dedicated enough to help there community you can get a lot done.

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Score Point 3

This response demonstrates effective analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The response addresses all parts of the task and demonstrates understanding of the text. The response analyzes implicit and explicit ideas regarding Nana's character impacts the plot (*because of the history she had with monarchs. She remembered her childhood...She never knew what happened to the butterflies... They were determined to find out...they found tons of information Nana tried to put together...They recruited many people from there community to help*). Specific evidence from the story is integrated into the response, drawing on details from three events in the story where Nana's actions impact the plot. Quotations are used to attribute information to the text. The response is focused on the *"reasons Nana impacted the plot."* A clear introduction, body, and conclusion are present. Precise word choice and vocabulary from the text are utilized. Errors in conventions are present, but they seldom interfere with meaning.

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Writer's Checklist

In the story "Monarch Migration Celebration," Nana is an important character because she impacts the plot and helps it to become a success.

In the text, the author explained how the girl was asking Nana about where the butterflies have gone. "To be honest, I've never known what happened to the butterflies. Perhaps we should try to find out where they've gone." Just as Nana had said to her granddaughter. She is a very important character in the story because she was determined to find out what happened to the butterflies.

While Nana and her granddaughter were researching about butterflies at the public library, the girl has an idea to set up their own Monarch Waystation. "It didn't take much time to convince Nana to help me save the monarchs, and she didn't waste any time getting started." This evidence from the passage states that Nana is not hesitating to help save the butterflies.

Nana and the girl started to help save the Monarch butterflies: they presented the idea of setting up a Monarch Waystation to their clubs, teachers, friends, and neighbors. From the hard work both of them did, they started to plant a butterfly garden, and planted milkweed for the butterflies. Nana's character impacts the plot because it shows how she didn't give up and worked hard on her plan.

"It happened on a day when the sun was shining and the sky was a deep cobalt blue. Just like Nana remembered, a few fluttering orange wings soon became hundreds of soaring butterflies." With all of the teamwork from Nana, the butterfly project was a success, and it was "truly a spectacular experience." All of Nana's hard work turned out to be amazing when she watched the butterflies migrate.

Nana is a very important character in the story and she impacted the plot in "Monarch Migration Celebration". She was the one who helped save the butterflies, and helped them migrate by being determined and not wasting any time to help save them.

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Score Point 2

This response demonstrates partially effective analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The response addresses the task and demonstrates a partial understanding of the text by partially analyzing the implicit and explicit ideas in the text. The analysis weakens as the response progresses. The analysis for the first point (*She is a very important character in the story because she was determined to find out what happened to the butterflies*) clearly implies Nana's impact on the plot. The analysis for the second point (*Nana is not hesitating to help save the butterflies*) also gives an explanation of Nana's impact. The last two body paragraphs become more of a summary of the story, and the attempted analysis for the fourth body paragraph (*All of Nana's hard work turned out to be amazing when she watched the butterflies migrate*) does not relate to how her character impacts the plot. Evidence from the text is partially integrated. The integration is more effective in the first two body paragraphs, where the text evidence is used to support the analysis, but becomes less effective in the last half as the response lapses into summary. Quotations attribute information to the text. A partially focused response is generated and includes an introduction, body, and conclusion. Few transitions are used. Precise word choice and vocabulary from the text are occasionally used. Conventions of standard English are demonstrated.

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Writer's Checklist

Nana's character does help impact the plot in many ways. Some ways are that she uses team work to accomplish things, she is confident, she tries doing what is best for the community, and she gives it her all.

Nana always uses team work to accomplish things.

In paragraph 9, it talks about how Nana talks to members in her garden club and book club and they all do something to help her out with bringing the Monarchs back. It says, "Nana's garden club convinced the Park and Recreational club to plant a butterfly arden next to the city fountain. A few farmers donated a small section of theirfeilds or planted milkweed in the ditches. Some of the teacher at the local school taught a unit on the monarch and its plight. The library put together a display of gardening and butterfly books. The editor of the local newspaper wrote an informative article on how to make our community monarch-friendly" This is showing teamwork.

The next reason is that Nana is confident an wont give up. She has that characteristic saying that she wont give up and she keeps trying because the monarchs were part of her childhood and they all went missing and dissapeared.

The 3rd chacteristic of Nana is that she is trying to do what is best, especially for the community. In paragraph 4, Nana is talking about almost all the monarchs are dissappearing and she wants to help and figure out where they have gone and bring them back. It says, "To be honest, I've never known what happened to the butterflies," Nana admitted. "But there does seem to be fewer monarchs fluttering each summer. Perhaps we should find out where they've gone." At that last sentence, she says she wants to figure out where they went. This proves that she wants to do whats best for everyone.

And finally, Nana gives it her all. She has been working hard to figure out where they went to bring them back for the community. Its says in paragraph 6 that they went to the public library sitting next to eacother at the computer lounge because they were doing research about monarchs, and she also in paragraph 8 she sais "We'll need several people to help us. Lets think. Who would be best to recruit!" Meaning she is trying to think about people who could help them accomplish their goal. But in the next paragraph it says she got her garden club and book club to help her. Nana is really trying to find and help the monarch butterflies.

These are all of Nana's Characters in the story, she uses teamwork to accomplish her task, she is confident, she is trying to do what is best, and she gives it her all. This is what I beleive her characteristics are.

2617/6000

Score Point 2

This response demonstrates partially effective analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The response addresses part of the task, but the response discusses Nana's character traits rather than how her character impacts the plot, so the analysis (*Nana always uses team work to accomplish things...Nana is confident and won't give up...she wants to do whats best for everyone...Nana gives it her all*) fails to effectively address the task. While accurate evidence from the text is integrated, it is only partially relevant, as the analysis it attempts to support is somewhat off the mark. Quotes that attribute information to the story are used. A focused response is generated, with a clear introduction, body, and conclusion. Appropriate transitions are used. Precise word choice and vocabulary from the story are used. Conventions of standard English are demonstrated.

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Writer's Checklist

Nana is an important part of the story because without her she wouldn't be able to inspire her grandchild to help the population of butterflies, Nana also helped recruit people to come help, she was able to support this by making groups to help her achieve the main goal (finding out where the butterflies went, and Nana was able to use her memories to help remember what she missed so that now she's inspired to help get those memories back!

My first reason is found in paragraph 4. Nana says "To be honest I've never known what happened to the butterflies". And then Nana says perhaps we should try to find out where they've gone." Paragraph 4 is important because grandma asked the grandchild if she would like to help find out what happened to the butterflies.

My second reason is found in paragraph 8 and it talks about how grandma is going to recruit people to help out by building a waystation, getting farmers to help, and by starting groups and clubs! This matters because now they have really started the production of saving the butterfly species!

My third reason is found in paragraph 11 and it says that Nana wrote a blog of their progress and it included photos and updates about the community's efforts! This matters because this shows that Nana cares!

Those are the reasons Nana is an important part of the story!!!!!!!

1358/6000

Score Point 2

This response demonstrates partially effective analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The response addresses the task and demonstrates a partial understanding of the text through a partial analysis of how Nana's character impacts the plot (*without her she wouldn't be able to inspire her grandchild to help the population of butterflies...helped recruit people to come help...was able to use her memories*). Some relevant and accurate evidence is used to partially support the analysis, but the integration is choppy and only partially effective. Quotes and paraphrases attribute information to the story. The response is partially focused. The last idea listed in the introduction is dropped (*memories*), and the third body paragraph introduces a different idea (*Nana wrote a blog*). The response occasionally uses precise word choice. Errors in conventions may interfere with meaning.

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Writer's Checklist

Nana and the Monarchs

Nana is the giver to her granddather. She helps make places for the monarchs to stay. She spreads the idea around the commenty. To save make a place for Monarch. Nana was the one who sparked the idea. To make a Monarch Waystation. She really loves the Monarchs. Them remide her of wehn she was a kid.

Nana is just a loveing lady who just wants to help the Monarchs. She has a huge impac on this plot. shes almost the main caritter. Accorading to Monarch Migration Cielbration. Nana taks to the city bord to help also. Who place a fountan resorte for the Monarchs.

At the end of the plot acording to Monarch Migration Celebratoin. Monarch leave at the last bit of summer. Nana begun to cry, and huge her grand dather. That gose to show how much she efects this plot. Thats why Nana is importan to this plot. She bring the meaning seeing is believing

Nana and her granddather show that with hard work and deticasion. You can do or be any thing you want. with Nana and her granddather the sky the limet. For know we are just going to say Nana is one of the best grandmothers. I bet her grandater is proud to call her that.

1211/0000

Score Point 1

This response demonstrates minimal analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The response attempts to address the task. Ideas from the story are ineffectively analyzed in the first paragraph (*She helps make places for the monarchs to stay. She spreads the idea around the commenty...Nana was the one who sparked the idea*). The remainder of the response is primarily a short summary, with some comments about the lesson of the story at the end (*Nana and her granddather show that with hard work and deticasion. You can do or be any thing...the sky the limet*) which do not relate to the task. Evidence is minimally integrated into the analysis, and most of the text information provided is not relevant to the task. Paraphrases of the story do attribute information to the text. The response is minimally focused as the ideas that are somewhat disjointed. Conventions of standard English are ineffectively demonstrated. Many errors are present, some of which may seriously interfere with meaning.

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Writer's Checklist

In "Monarch Migration Celebration", the author describes clear detail to express information of the text. How Nana's character impacts the plot is by, having the little girl live with her grandmother and, at that time, she had to make a project for science about a cycle, so she wrote about the Monarch butterfly cycle, so she wrote about the Monarch butterfly cycle. After she handed in the paper and got a perfect score, she rushed home and told her Nana all about it, then her Nana, was telling about her childhood and that the butterflies were a common sight. Nana exclaimed, and said that she didn't know what happened to the butterflies, and she also said that there seemed to be fewer Monarch's fluttering around each year, around the neighborhood so they decided to investigate.

After a short period of time, they decided to start a community organization to help save the Monarch's. One of the moods i noticed in the story was, excitement , because the little girl, Nana, and the community got to see a cloud full of Monarch's in the community garden. As and when the community worked together, as a team, I think everybody that helped and was there, was happy because, they got to see something that they worked for. Another mood i noticed in the story was , "Crossing our fingers" because they were hoping that the communtiy garden would attract the Monarch butterflies but they weren't positive.

Detail such as, "The soft fluttering sound of wings surrounds us," makes it feel like my ears are being touched then untouched by my own fingertips. When the story exaggerates "It's snowing orange," it sences me the feeling that there are hundreds of butterflies making it seem like that it is snowing because there is so many butterflies. In "Monarch Migration Celebration," it says , "All of my talk about Monarch's, evoked memories from Nana's childhood," It makes me feel like they are seeing happy go by as she brought home her science project about Monarch butterflies.

This story made me feel like i'm inside of it by saying, "Come late this summer," there will be hundreds of them, and before long, there will be so many butterflies it will feel like you were standing in an orange cloud. It makes me feel this way because of the orange cloud, and the flapping of wings. I like how the author said that, " I learned that if you believe in something strong enough and work to make it happen, you will see your goal become a reality, I like this because, it gives people the courage to take their chances to do something good. The mood I noticed was, tears of joy, because in the story, it said that Nana cried tears of joy and gave me an enourmous hug.

2682/6000

Score Point 1

This response demonstrates minimal analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The response minimally addresses the task and demonstrates a partial understanding of the text. Rather than being focused on the task, the response retells of parts of the story and weaves in analysis for a variety of literary elements, including mood, theme, and imagery. Explicit and implicit ideas from the text are presented, but are not focused on an analysis of how Nana impacts the plot. Paraphrasing and quotes attribute information to the text. Although individual body paragraphs are somewhat focused, they are not clearly linked to an overall thesis or central idea, resulting in a minimally focused response overall. Precise word choice is occasionally used. Errors in conventions seldom interfere with meaning.

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Writer's Checklist

I got 3 ways to describe Nana in the story "Monarch Migration Celebration". To begin, I'm going to be talking about Nana's personality in the story. Her personality in the story is kind, helpful and friendly.

In addition to that, when Nana was a child she got to see the Monarch butterflies in her farm. She knew how they looked like, like her granddaughter did. So Nana and her granddaughter got to experience the feeling of the Monarch butterflies.

Finally, Nana got to spend time with her granddaughter that summer. They went to the library to research the butterflies. They did a migration celebration for the butterflies. Would you help her if she was your Nana?

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Score Point 1

This response demonstrates minimal analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The response minimally addresses the task and demonstrates minimal understanding of the text. The responses first attempts to analyze Nana's personality and then retells parts of the story. Ideas from the text are ineffectively analyzed. Little relevant and accurate evidence is provided to support an analysis of how Nana impacts the plot. The response is minimally focused. Errors in conventions may interfere with meaning.