

# THE LIFE CYCLE OF A BUTTERFLY

## Metamorphosis Sequence Chart

1

### **Egg**

A female butterfly lays tiny eggs on the underside of a leaf, usually near a food source.

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### **Larva**

Also known as a caterpillar. The primary job is to eat and grow rapidly, shedding skin multiple times.

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### **Pupa**

The caterpillar forms a chrysalis. Inside, the body breaks down and reforms into a butterfly.

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### **Adult**

The butterfly emerges, dries its wings, and begins the search for a mate to restart the cycle.

Student Name  
Observation Date  
Species