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Date: _____

Butterfly Suspect Letter: _____

The Lepidopteran Detective Questionnaire

- 1) What is the Order, Family, Genus, and Species name of this butterfly? This name is part of the Linnaean system. What do these naming conventions represent?

- 2) What sites has this species been found at?

- 3) Is this species a resident at all sites where it has been found? If not, what other categories is the butterfly listed as?

- 4) What are the known host plants? In taxonomic terms, how broad is the range of its host plants?

- 5) How many broods does this species have per year?

- 6) Butterflies hibernate through the winter. In what life history stage does this species hibernate through the winter?

- 7) Is this butterfly associated with weedy, human disturbed habitats?

- 8) Do the life history characteristics of this species vary across sites, and if so, how?