

Whose View?

Tell the author's opinion from your own opinion.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.6 "Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text."

NAME _____

DATE _____

AUTHOR'S VIEW

This is the opinion of the person who wrote the text.
The article praises a baker's careful work.

MY VIEW

This is your opinion about a topic.
I would choose a yellow kite for a windy day.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle the tag for each statement, then choose two statements and explain which words show whether it is the author's view or your view.

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| 1. The author believes school gardens teach children responsibility. | AUTHOR | MY VIEW |
| 2. The writer feels that nighttime is the best time to watch stars. | AUTHOR | MY VIEW |
| 3. I would not want to camp in a tent. | AUTHOR | MY VIEW |
| 4. The author says that bike lanes make streets safer. | AUTHOR | MY VIEW |
| 5. I believe every class should have a class pet. | AUTHOR | MY VIEW |
| 6. I think school gardens take too much work. | AUTHOR | MY VIEW |
| 7. The writer thinks library cards should be free. | AUTHOR | MY VIEW |
| 8. The author enjoys stories with surprising endings. | AUTHOR | MY VIEW |

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new statement that shows the author's view and one new statement that shows your view.

AUTHOR _____

MY VIEW _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences about the same town change, one showing the author's view and one showing your view. Underline the words that show whose view it is.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The author believes school gardens teach children responsibility.	AUTHOR	It tells what the author believes.
2	The writer feels that nighttime is the best time to watch stars.	AUTHOR	It tells what the writer feels.
3	I would not want to camp in a tent.	MY VIEW	It tells the reader's own opinion using I.
4	The author says that bike lanes make streets safer.	AUTHOR	It tells what the author says.
5	I believe every class should have a class pet.	MY VIEW	It tells the reader's own belief using I.
6	I think school gardens take too much work.	MY VIEW	It tells the reader's own thought using I.
7	The writer thinks library cards should be free.	AUTHOR	It tells what the writer thinks.
8	The author enjoys stories with surprising endings.	AUTHOR	It tells what the author enjoys.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **AUTHOR:** The author thinks the zoo needs a bigger elephant pool.
- **MY VIEW:** I think the zoo needs more benches.

Challenge: <u>The author thinks</u> the town needs a playground. <u>I think</u> the town needs more trees.

For Part 2, students should name clue words such as author, writer, or I and connect them to the correct view. Accept varied Part 3 and challenge responses when the source of each opinion is clear.