

Fact Check Sort

Decide what can be checked and what shows a belief.

S.3.d “using evidence to construct timelines, classify events, and distinguish fact from opinion;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

FACT

A fact is true and can be checked in a reliable source, such as a book, map, or record.

Earth has one moon.

OPINION

An opinion tells what someone thinks or feels. Different people may have different opinions.

Rainy days are more fun than sunny days.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle FACT or OPINION for each statement, then for Part 2, pick two statements and explain how you knew.

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| 1. The U.S. Constitution was signed in 1787. | ☐ FACT | ☐ OPINION |
| 2. The Statue of Liberty stands in New York Harbor. | ☐ FACT | ☐ OPINION |
| 3. Voting is the most important right. | ☐ FACT | ☐ OPINION |
| 4. George Washington was the first U.S. president. | ☐ FACT | ☐ OPINION |
| 5. Cities should have more parks. | ☐ FACT | ☐ OPINION |
| 6. Learning about the past is exciting. | ☐ FACT | ☐ OPINION |
| 7. A calendar has 12 months. | ☐ FACT | ☐ OPINION |
| 8. The Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776. | ☐ FACT | ☐ OPINION |

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 _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new FACT and one new OPINION.

FACT _____

OPINION _____

CHALLENGE

Write an opinion about a landmark. Then write one fact that could help someone learn more about that landmark.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The U.S. Constitution was signed in 1787.	FACT	The signing date can be checked in historical records.
2	The Statue of Liberty stands in New York Harbor.	FACT	Its location can be checked on a map or in a reliable source.
3	Voting is the most important right.	OPINION	Most important tells what someone believes.
4	George Washington was the first U.S. president.	FACT	This can be checked in historical records.
5	Cities should have more parks.	OPINION	Should tells what someone thinks ought to happen.
6	Learning about the past is exciting.	OPINION	Exciting is a personal feeling.
7	A calendar has 12 months.	FACT	This can be checked on a calendar.
8	The Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776.	FACT	The date can be checked in historical records.

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)

- **FACT:** A week has seven days.
- **OPINION:** Museums are the best places to learn.

Challenge: OPINION: The Grand Canyon is the most amazing landmark. FACT: The Grand Canyon is in Arizona.

For Part 2, accept an explanation that says a fact can be checked or that an opinion shows a belief or feeling. For Part 3, check that the fact is verifiable and the opinion expresses a personal view.