

Fact or Feeling?

Sort the statements, explain two choices, then make your own.

S.3 "The student will apply history and social science skills to the content by analyzing and interpreting information sources including, but not limited to artifacts, primary and secondary sources, charts, graphs, and diagrams..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

FACT

A fact is true and can be checked in a reliable source or by observing.

A triangle has three sides.

OPINION

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

Rainy days are the best days.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each statement and circle FACT or OPINION.

1. A year has 12 months.

FACT

OPINION

2. Chocolate ice cream tastes better than vanilla ice cream.

FACT

OPINION

3. The moon looks prettier than the sun.

FACT

OPINION

4. The United States flag has 50 stars.

FACT

OPINION

5. Recess should be longer.

FACT

OPINION

6. A map can show where places are.

FACT

OPINION

7. Reading aloud is more fun than reading quietly.

FACT

OPINION

8. George Washington was the first president of the United States.

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. Do not copy a statement from this page.

FACT _____

OPINION _____

CHALLENGE

Write one fact and one opinion about a park. Underline the words that show the opinion.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	A year has 12 months.	FACT	This can be checked on a calendar.
2	Chocolate ice cream tastes better than vanilla ice cream.	OPINION	Taste is a personal preference.
3	The moon looks prettier than the sun.	OPINION	Pretty is a personal judgment.
4	The United States flag has 50 stars.	FACT	This can be checked by looking at the flag or a reliable source.
5	Recess should be longer.	OPINION	Should shows what someone thinks ought to happen.
6	A map can show where places are.	FACT	This is a checkable use of a map.
7	Reading aloud is more fun than reading quietly.	OPINION	Fun is a personal feeling.
8	George Washington was the first president of the United States.	FACT	This can be checked in reliable history sources.

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 square has four sides.
- **OPINION:** Dogs make the best pets.

Challenge: A park can have paths for walking. A park is a wonderful place to visit.

Answers in order: FACT, OPINION, OPINION, FACT, OPINION, FACT, OPINION, FACT. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify a checkable source or clue words showing a personal feeling, such as better, prettier, more fun, or should.