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Fact vs. Opinion

Example:

Fact: Millions of families have pet dogs.

Opinion: Dogs make the best pets.

Directions: Read the following sentences about the articles in this issue’s Your World section. Then write **F** next to the sentences that are facts and **O** next to the sentences that are opinions.

- _____ 1. *The Tale of Genji* is the world’s best novel.
- _____ 2. Fans flocked to celebrate the 1,000th anniversary of *The Tale of Genji*.
- _____ 3. More than 3,000 documents related to Ernest Hemingway are now preserved online for future generations.
- _____ 4. It is exciting that so many of Hemingway’s documents are now online.
- _____ 5. Donkeys in parts of Ethiopia carry books to children who don’t have them.
- _____ 6. Keeping track of 400 characters in one novel would be difficult.
- _____ 7. Whoever paid \$100,000 for a baseball card must have money to burn.
- _____ 8. Most schools in Ethiopia don’t have libraries.

YOUR TURN

Opinions are often based on facts. For example, “Sarah is generous” is an opinion, but “Sarah gave half of her sandwich to Adam” is a fact that supports the opinion.

1. Write a supporting fact for the opinion below.

Opinion: Getting books to children in need is important.

Fact: _____

2. Write an opinion related to the fact below.

Fact: Ernest Hemingway wrote several novels.

Opinion: _____

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