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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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Article: "In Her Own Words" • Issue: March 23, 2009

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My Poet's Page

Directions: Read the sidebar "Women With Pens," found in the article "In Her Own Words." Choose one of the poets in the sidebar. Then create a profile page for your poet. Think about the life of that poet and fill in the fields according to what you know about her. Be creative!

Name: _____

Birthday: _____

Hometown: _____

Education: _____

Employment: _____

Relationship Status: _____

Interests: _____

Hobbies: _____

Favorite Music: _____

Favorite TV Shows: _____

Favorite Movies: _____

Favorite Quotations: _____

About Me: _____

Article: "Words Help Heal" • Issue: March 23, 2009

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Words Help Heal Quiz

Directions: Read the article "Words Help Heal," and answer each of the following questions.

1. Why did kids make fun of Olivia Gardner?
 - Ⓐ She has epilepsy.
 - Ⓑ She is short.
 - Ⓒ She is really smart.
 - Ⓓ all of the above
2. Why did Olivia Gardner switch to home school?
 - Ⓐ She wanted to be taught by her parents.
 - Ⓑ She was bullied by students at every school she attended.
 - Ⓒ The commute was too long.
 - Ⓓ both A and C
3. How do you think Emily and Sarah Buder felt when they read about Olivia's bullying experiences?
 - Ⓐ embarrassed
 - Ⓑ overwhelmed
 - Ⓒ discouraged
 - Ⓓ outraged
4. Which of the following events happened **FIRST**?
 - Ⓐ The Buder sisters published *Letters to a Bullied Girl*.
 - Ⓑ Olivia Gardner was bullied at three different schools.
 - Ⓒ Olivia, Emily, and Sarah began educating others about bullying.
 - Ⓓ The Buder sisters asked others to write letters of support to Olivia.
5. Which of the words below would best replace **residual** in the following sentence: *Now 16 years old, she is still home-schooled, and she still deals with the residual pain of what happened to her.*
 - Ⓐ tactical
 - Ⓑ lingering
 - Ⓒ extinguished
 - Ⓓ horrible
6. Which sentence has a punctuation error?
 - Ⓐ Fortunately, not everyone in the world is as heartless as the students who made Olivia's life an agony.
 - Ⓑ So how is Olivia doing today.
 - Ⓒ The sisters asked people to send Olivia letters of support.
 - Ⓓ They educate others about bullying and how to break the cycle.
7. Which title best summarizes this article?
 - Ⓐ "Words to the Wise"
 - Ⓑ "Sisters Stand Up to Bullying, With Letters"
 - Ⓒ "Book Buries Bullies"
 - Ⓓ "Home Schooling Helps Victim of Bullying"
8. How many letters were sent in support of Olivia?
 - Ⓐ 50
 - Ⓑ 200
 - Ⓒ 3,200
 - Ⓓ 6,500
9. How is Olivia doing today?

10. Who wrote to Olivia about her bullying experiences?

Play: *The Day the Earth Stood Still* • Issue: March 23, 2009

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Setting the Mood

Setting is the time and place where a story takes place. The setting helps create mood and influences how you feel about the plot and its characters. It can make you feel happy and relaxed or scared and stressed, for example.

Directions: Consider the setting in each scene of *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, and describe the mood each setting creates.

SCENE	SETTING	MOOD CREATED BY SETTING
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

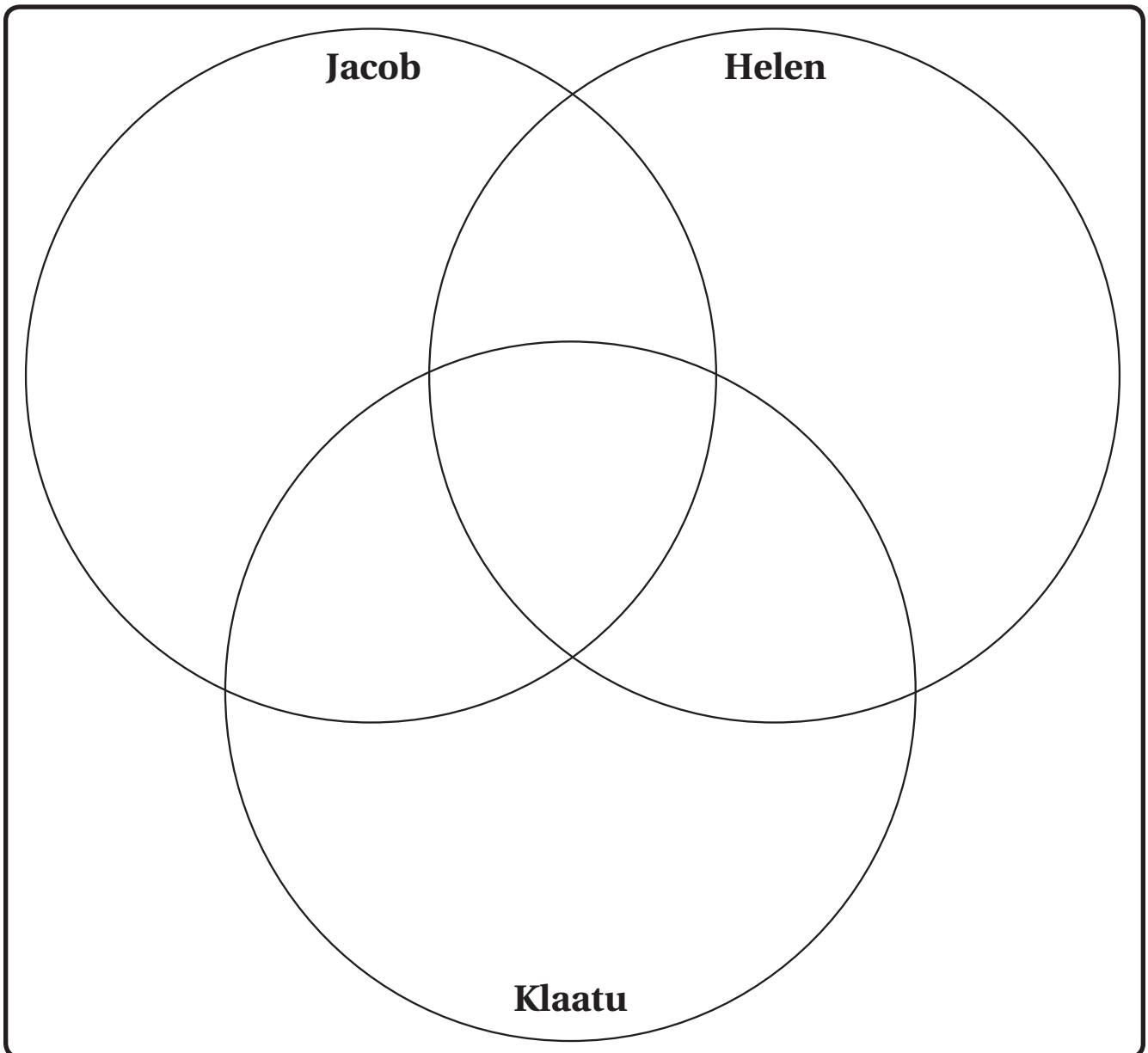
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Venn Diagram

In this activity, you will use a Venn diagram to compare and contrast the three main characters in the play *The Day the Earth Stood Still*.

Directions: Read the play *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, and complete the Venn diagram below. In the large part of the circles, list the differences between Jacob, Helen, and Klaatu. In the overlapping sections, list the characters' similarities. Notice that with three of the overlapping circles, you should list similarities between only two of the characters.



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Your World Quiz

Directions: After you read the Your World section, answer each of the following questions.

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| <p>1. Where does the International Kite Festival take place?
 (A) Utah
 (B) India
 (C) Belgium
 (D) Japan</p> | <p>5. How do you think the children in Ethiopia feel when they receive books to read?
 (A) sapient
 (B) grateful
 (C) critical
 (D) composed</p> | <p>(B) parades
 (C) robots reciting passages
 (D) all of the above</p> |
| <p>2. What was the name of baseball's first professional team?
 (A) The White Sox of Chicago, Illinois
 (B) The Blue Giants of Washington, D.C.
 (C) The Red Stockings B.B. Club of Cincinnati, Ohio
 (D) The Black Shoestring Club of Cleveland, Ohio</p> | <p>6. How do the books get to the children in rural areas of Ethiopia?
 (A) trucks
 (B) camels
 (C) scooters
 (D) donkeys</p> | <p>9. Why won't Hemingway's documents from Finca Vigía be lost to time?

 _____</p> |
| <p>3. How old is the book <i>The Tale of Genji</i>?
 (A) 100 years old
 (B) 1,000 years old
 (C) 10,000 years old
 (D) 100,000 years old</p> | <p>7. Which of the following statements is an opinion?
 (A) <i>The Tale of Genji</i> is much-loved in Japan.
 (B) Delivering books to children in Ethiopia is admirable.
 (C) More than 3,000 documents related to Ernest Hemingway will live on for future generations to enjoy.
 (D) The word "novel" was first used in 1566.</p> | <p>10. How did Bernice Gallego discover her baseball card was worth more than she had thought?

 _____</p> |
| <p>4. Approximately how many characters are featured in <i>The Tale of Genji</i>?
 (A) 40
 (B) 144
 (C) 400
 (D) 800</p> | <p>8. How did Japanese people celebrate the anniversary of <i>The Tale of Genji</i>?
 (A) festivals</p> | |

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Punctuation Practice

Directions: Four passages from this issue of *Scope* are below. The passages are missing capital letters and punctuation, including periods, question marks, commas, colons, semicolons, hyphens, apostrophes, quotation marks, and italics for book titles. Rewrite the sentences, adding all of the missing punctuation. Some groups of words include more than one sentence. (Find the passages in the issue to check your answers.)

1. although theres some debate over whether or not the tale of genji is the worlds first novel, there is no doubt that affection for the story of love and loss has endured

2. most schools dont have libraries he told reporters

3. this year 38 teams competed in categories including best team display and best international kite

4. few people know that Naismith took the games rules from duck on a rock a medieval kids game involving a stone dragon and a tree stump _____

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Everyday Poetry

In the article "In Her Own Words," Elizabeth Alexander says free writing is a great exercise for writing poetry. She also says that her poetry is inspired by everyday life. In this activity, you will write the first things that come to mind for the everyday activities listed below.

Doing your homework _____

Packing a bag _____

Listening to music _____

Eating dinner _____

WRITE NOW!

Choose one of the topics above and write a poem about it, using your ideas from free writing.

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Text-to-Self

Directions: In the article "Words Help Heal," you read about the struggles a girl had with bullying. She received letters not only from people who had been victims of bullying but also from bullies and bystanders. Read the situation and text-to-self questions in the column on the left. Write your answers in the column on the right.

Situation	My Experience
<p>Someone bullied you. What happened? How did you respond? How long did it continue? How did you feel?</p>	
<p>You saw someone being bullied. What happened? Did you do anything? How did you feel?</p>	
<p>You bullied another person. What did you do? Why do you think you did it? How did it make you feel? How did it probably make the other person feel?</p>	

WRITE NOW!

Think about a problem you have faced in your life. Now think about a person—parent, sibling, friend, teacher, etc.—who helped you overcome this problem or helped you feel less alone. Explain this in a well-organized paragraph.