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Fact Versus Opinion

A fact is a true statement. An opinion expresses a viewpoint.

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.

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- _____ 1. James Franco wrote a book of short stories.
- _____ 2. James Franco's list of talents is long and impressive.
- _____ 3. Classic literature is inspiring a new wave of video games.
- _____ 4. In *Warriors Don't Cry*, Melba Pattillo Beals writes about being one of the Little Rock Nine.
- _____ 5. It's impressive to be a 15-year-old author of a 603-page novel about Spartacus.
- _____ 6. Lee So-young used her imagination to develop a fictional account of Spartacus.
- _____ 7. Being married to Henry VIII would have been stressful.
- _____ 8. Artists in Australia depicted an image of Mona Lisa using coffee cups.

WRITE NOW!

Sometimes facts support or defend opinions. For example, "Maria is generous" is an opinion, but "Maria gave half of her cookies to Ben" is a fact that demonstrates Maria's generosity. Write a fact that supports the opinion below about King Henry VIII. Then write an opinion that could be formed based on the fact about James Franco.

Opinion: King Henry VIII had a bad temper.

Fact: _____

Fact: Last year, James Franco had a book published, worked on two graduate degrees, and lent his voice to live and recorded readings.

Opinion: _____
