



Critical Reading: Identifying Fact and Opinion

First Article

- Read an editorial or feature column with opinions.
- Underline the most important facts. List them in the “Identifying Fact and Opinion” graphic organizer under “Facts.”
- Underline five of the strongest opinion statements in the column. Circle the words, phrases, or sentences that best represent the author’s opinion. List these under “Opinions” in the graphic organizer.

Second Article

- Read a newspaper story that includes quotations from someone involved in the story.
- Underline the three most important facts in the story. List these in the “Facts” section of the graphic organizer.
- Underline three or more statements in the story that reveal the opinion of some person or group about the reported event. Circle the statements that best represent this person or group’s opinion. List these statements in the “Opinions” section of the graphic organizer.
- Discuss how facts are separated from opinions in newspaper stories and columns. Give three reasons why newspaper readers need opinions as well as facts.