

FACT & OPINION



FACT	OPINION
1. Humpback whales live in oceans.	1. They are not pretty animals.
2. Humpbacks are mammals. They eat krill and small fish.	2. Humpback songs are very beautiful.

Directions: Find the statement. Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the column.

Fact vs. Opinion Name: _____

1. Which of these sentences is an opinion?
 a. "They are not pretty animals."
 b. "Females are larger than males."
 c. "Male humpback whales sing a song."
 d. "They travel alone or in small groups called pods."

2. How do you know if a sentence tells a fact?
 a. It tells something that is real.
 b. It is long.
 c. It has numbers in it.

3. Which part of this sentence is an opinion and why? "The song is beautiful and can be heard over a hundred miles away."
The song is beautiful is an opinion.


4. Is the following phrase a fact or opinion? "For many years, they have been hunted."
 This is a fact. You can prove it.

5. Why is it important for nonfiction text to include facts?
 Nonfiction text should include facts because it should be informing or teaching the reader about a topic.

420L Fact vs. Opinion Name: _____ Date: _____


Humpback Whales

Humpback whales live in oceans. They can be found around the world. Humpbacks are mammals. They eat krill and small fish. They travel alone or in small groups called pods.



Female Humpback with her calf.


Humpback whales are very large. They can grow to be 50 feet long. Females are larger than males. Humpbacks have a thick body with a hump. This makes them easy to spot. They are not pretty animals. They have bumpy hairs on their heads and mouths.



Humpback whale breaching.

Humpback whales breach. Breaching is when a whale jumps out of the water. Whales breach so they can breathe air. People can watch whales living in their habitat. They are called whale watchers. Whale watchers enjoy watching humpbacks breach.

Male humpback whales sing a song. The song is beautiful. It can be heard over a hundred miles away. The song can also last very long. It can last up to 20 minutes. He may sing it over and over for hours. Humpback songs are very beautiful.



Scan here to watch and hear a Humpback "sing."

Humpbacks are endangered. They were hunted by people called whalers. Most of the humpbacks were killed. They almost became extinct. Extinct is when all animals in a species have died. Humpbacks are protected from whalers now. There are many more humpbacks.



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1st grade

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- 1 page of multiple choice, short response, and sequence questions
- 1 page with Fact vs. Opinion graphic organizer



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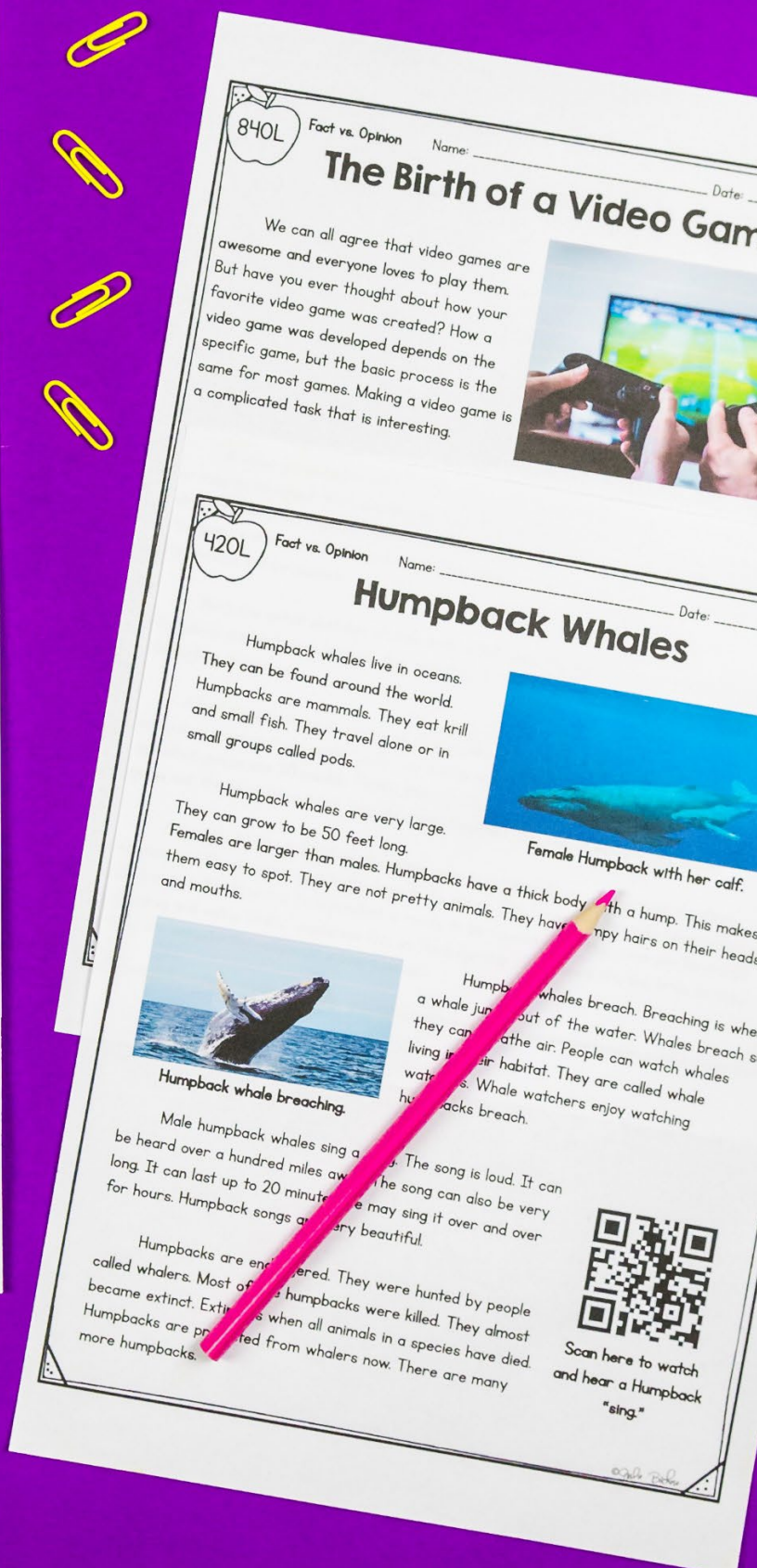


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The Birth of a Video Game

We can all agree that video games are awesome and everyone loves to play them. But have you ever thought about how your favorite video game was created? How a video game was developed depends on the specific game, but the basic process is the same for most games. Making a video game is a complicated task that is interesting.



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The Greatest Swimmer

Michael Phelps is a champion who has won more medals than anyone else in the Olympics and won a gold medal in row. He also set world records in several races.

His body helps him. He has a long thin torso and long, 6 feet 7 inches long, 6.7 inch long, 6.7 inch long fingertip. His arms act like flippers in the water. He is built for swimming, and he has trained to be the best. It has taken him all his time. Or, at least,

Michael Phelps retired to promote the sport. She was racing against the men. Michael Phelps faced the film crew while the film crew

Great white swimmer for short amounts of time. But although he won the 100 meters in an iron in 36.1 seconds. Although "probably very little swimmer of all time"

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Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color shown.

1. Is the following statement a fact or an opinion? "National unity and pride."

The statement is an opinion to represent the United States.

2. Is the following statement a fact or an opinion?

This statement is an opinion author believes.

3. How do you know if a sentence tells you something that is true or false?

- a It tells something that can be proven.
- b It has numbers in it.
- c It has a name in it.
- d It is long.

4. What is the best way to prove if a sentence is true or false?

- a Ask a friend.
- b Read a fictional story about the topic.
- c Look in an encyclopedia or other reliable source.
- d Make up a story in your head.

5. Which of the following best describes a fact?

- a A person who can prove something.
- b Something that is real.
- c Making a good decision.
- d A person's thoughts or feelings.

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Betsy Ross

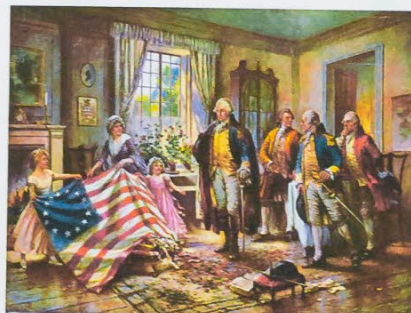
Betsy Ross was born on January 1, 1752. Her birth name was Elizabeth, but she went by Betsy. After she finished school, Betsy became an apprentice (someone who works for a skilled person to learn a trade) in a sewing shop. She learned all about sewing. Betsy was an amazing seamstress.



One day, Betsy met John Ross. Her Quaker family did not support her relationship with John because he belonged to a different church. Her family cut her off. Betsy and John were married anyway. She joined John's church.

They started an upholstery, or sewing, business. The Revolutionary War started in America soon after. The war made it hard for the business to get fabric. The business was not doing well. With their business struggling, John joined the war. In January 1776, he was hit by an explosion. He died days later.

Later that year, Betsy met three men. They were named George Washington, George Ross, and Robert Morris. The men asked her to sew a flag. George Washington showed her a design for the flag. It was magnificent. According to Betsy, the flag was finished by June 1776. In July, the Declaration of Independence was signed. A nation was born: America. The flag is still a symbol of national unity and pride.




Painting of Betsy Ross giving the first American flag to George Washington.

Betsy lived a long, hard life. She was married two more times, but her husbands and two of her children died before her. On January 30, 1836, Betsy passed away. She was 84 years old.




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How to Teach Fact vs. Opinion

Model

Tell students an opinion statement such as, "I HATE chocolate!"

Ask students how they feel about chocolate. Tell students that these are opinions because they are something that you think, feel, or believe.

Tell students, "Chocolate comes from a fruit tree. It is made from a seed." Explain that this is a fact because it can be proven true and is based on science.

Introduce the Fact vs. Opinion anchor chart. Ask students to come up with their own examples of facts and opinions.

When students are stuck, ask them, "Is it what someone thinks, feels, or believes? Or can it be proven true or false?"

Work as a class or in partners to complete the fact and opinion sort.

Visuals

- Create an anchor chart displaying the difference between fact and opinion.
- Students go on a scavenger hunt to find examples of facts and opinions in their books.
- Students use the fact vs. opinion books while reading independently.

Differentiation

- Model determining the difference between fact and opinion while previewing read aloud books.
- Students who struggle with this skill may need more exposure to nonfiction books. Provide many opportunities for nonfiction reading and noticing text features.

The Greatest Swimmer

Michael Phelps is an American swimmer. He swims very fast. He raced in five Olympic Games. He set many world records. Michael won more Olympic gold medals than any other person.

His body helps him swim well. He is tall. His torso is long. He has short legs and long arms. His long arms and large feet help his body move fast under the water.

Michael worked hard to be a great swimmer. I used to think he was the greatest swimmer of all time. But then something happened.

Michael was asked to be on Shark Week. He was going to race a great white shark. It was not a real shark though. He would race a video of a shark.

The day of the race finally came. Michael swam in a pool. The video played of the great white shark swimming through the ocean. Everybody was excited to see who would win.

A great white shark can swim fast. Michael can swim fast too. But he could not swim faster than a great white shark. Michael later said that he knew he could not beat the great white shark.

So, who is the greatest swimmer of all time? It must be the great white shark!



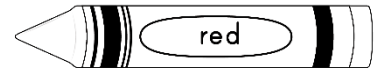
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1. Which of these sentences is an opinion?



- a. "His body helps him swim well."
- b. "So, who is the greatest swimmer of all time?"
- c. "He is one of the greatest swimmers to ever compete."

2. Why do people write opinions?



- a. to help you know history
- b. to get you to believe something
- c. to answer a question

3. Which words from this sentence help you know the sentence is an opinion? "I used to think he was the greatest swimmer of all time."



- a. "I used to think"
- b. "the greatest"
- c. "of all time"

4. Which of the following describes a fact?



- a. Someone's feelings.
- b. Something that can be proven.
- c. How much the narrator likes something.

5. Choose a sentence in the passage that tells a fact.



How do you know it tells a fact?

The Greatest Swimmer

Directions: Find five statements that are facts and five statements that are opinions and write them below.

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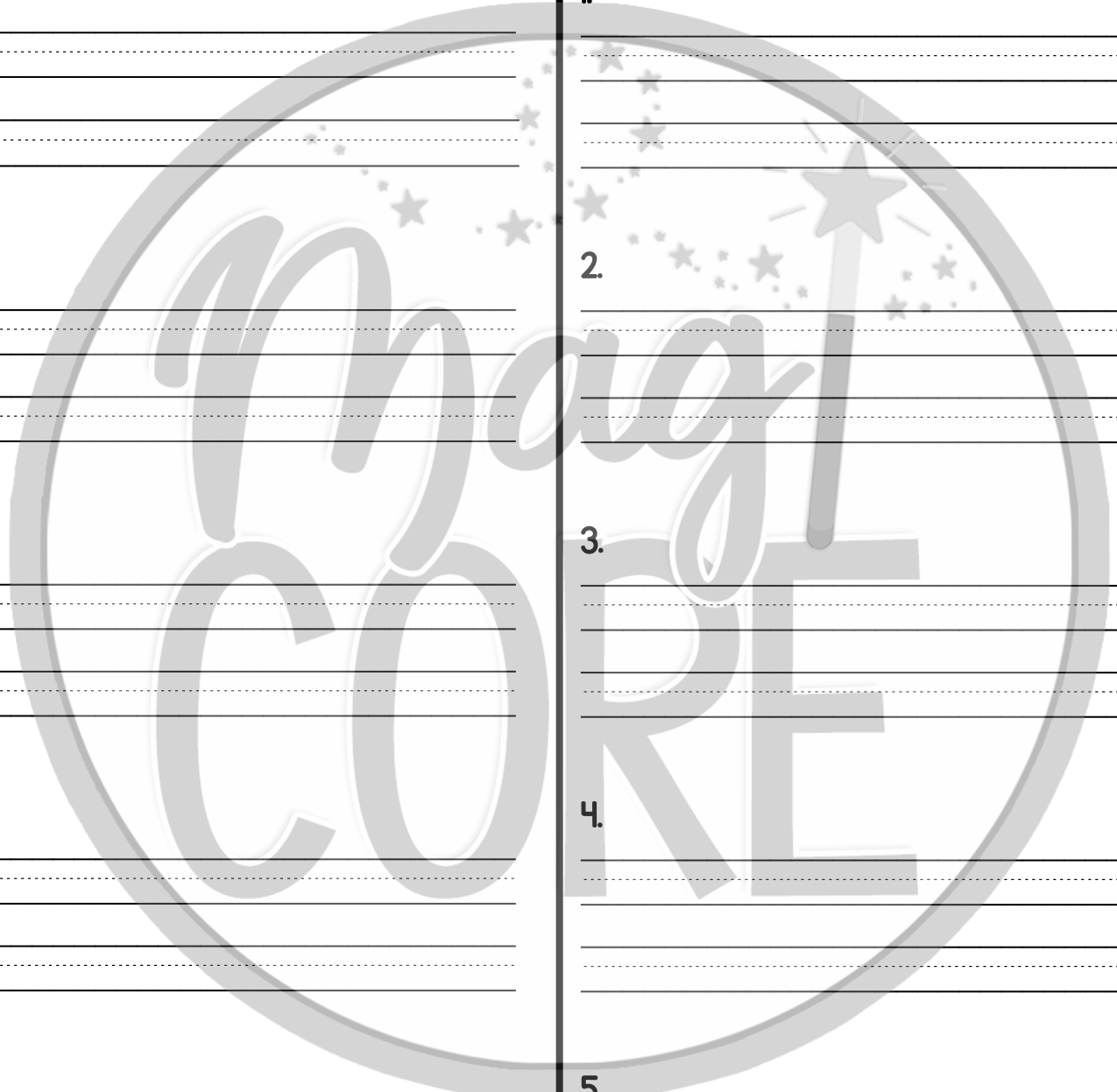
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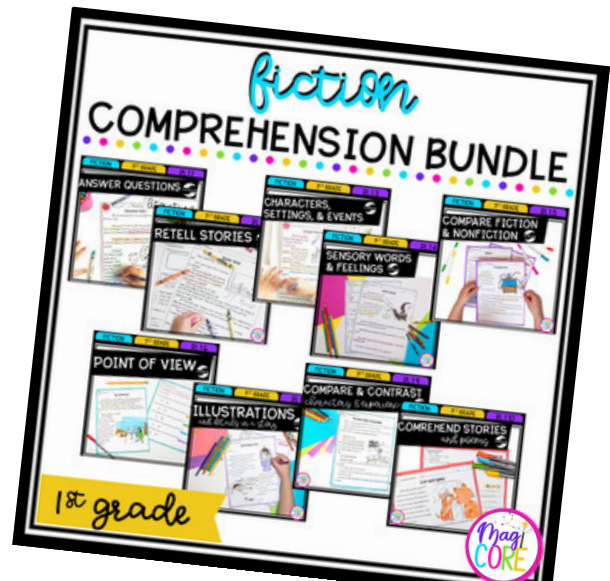


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