Fact, Opinion, and Evidence

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

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The statue is made of thin copper sheets over an iron frame. When it was new, it was the shiny brown color of a penny. Over many years, the air and rain turned the copper green. That green coat actually protects the metal underneath.

There is no bridge to Liberty Island, so visitors ride a ferry boat. Our ferry left from Battery Park. The ride took about fifteen minutes.

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Next, we climbed the stairs inside the statue to the crown. There are 162 steps from the top of the base to the crown. The stairs are narrow and twist like a spring. My mom thought the climb was too tiring. I thought it was fun! Visitors need a special ticket to go up to the crown, so plan ahead.

The island has a museum about the statue. The original torch is on display inside. I think the museum is the most interesting part for kids.

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   - Our ferry left from Battery Park.
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3. Why does the writer include the sentence 'Now here are my opinions'?
   - to explain why the statue turned green
   - to start a list of steps for the climb
   - to signal a switch from facts to opinions
   - to show that the next part is all true

4. How could a reader check that the statue is about 151 feet tall?
   ask the writer's mom about the climb
   look it up on the park's website
   decide if the statue looks big
   ride the ferry from Battery Park

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6. Which fact explains why the statue is green today?
   Her crown has twenty-five windows.
   Air and rain turned the copper green.
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   a pill you take when you are sick
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   That green coat protects the metal underneath.
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