Fact, Opinion, and Evidence

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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The Statue of Liberty stands on Liberty Island in New York Harbor. It was a gift from the people of France to the United States. The statue was opened in 1886. My class read about it this year, and last spring my family finally went to see it.

First, here are some facts. The statue is about 151 feet tall from her feet to the top of the torch. She holds a torch in her right hand and a tablet in her left. The date July 4, 1776, is written on the tablet. Her crown has 25 windows.

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.

Now here are my opinions. The ferry ride was the best part of the whole day. Wind blew on our faces, and the city looked tiny behind us. Seeing the statue get closer and closer was thrilling.

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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1. Which sentence is a fact from the text?
   - Photos cannot show how big she really is.
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   - The museum is the most interesting part for kids.
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2. Which sentence is an opinion about the ferry ride?
   - The ferry ride was the best part of the whole day.
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3. Why does the writer include the sentence 'Now here are my opinions'?
   - to show that the next part is all true
   - to signal a switch from facts to opinions
   - to start a list of steps for the climb
   - to explain why the statue turned green

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

5. Mom thought the climb was too tiring. The writer thought it was fun. What are these?
   Both are opinions about the climb.
   Both are facts about the stairs.
   Mom's is a fact, and the writer's is an opinion.
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6. Which fact explains why the statue is green today?
   Air and rain turned the copper green.
   The statue has an iron frame inside.
   Her crown has twenty-five windows.
   The statue was a gift from France.

7. She holds a tablet in her left hand. What is a tablet in this text?
   a torch that holds a bright flame
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8. Which sentence from the third paragraph is a fact scientists could check?
   Copper is the prettiest metal in the world.
   Green statues are the most beautiful kind.
   The green color looks better than brown.
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9. Which pair has two facts from the text?
   Her crown has 25 windows. Visitors ride a ferry.
   Her crown has 25 windows. The ferry ride was the best part.
   Seeing the statue was thrilling. The stairs are narrow.
   The original torch is inside. The museum is the most interesting part.

10. Why is 'Everyone should visit the Statue of Liberty at least once' an opinion?
    It tells what the writer believes people ought to do.
    It can be proven in a history book.
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