Fact and Opinion

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the sentence that is an opinion.

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My second reason is that writing by hand helps us slow down. When I text, I sometimes send a message before I check it. Last month, I texted my friend the wrong time for a soccer game, and she arrived an hour early. A letter takes time. You choose your words, fix mistakes and read it over before you mail it. That makes letters more thoughtful than quick texts.

My third reason is that letters are special to the people who get them. Last spring, I wrote to my grandmother in Manila. She keeps my letter in a box with her favorite photos. She told me she reads it whenever she misses me. A text message would be hard to keep in a box!

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