Firsthand and Secondhand Accounts

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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Text 2 Text 1 both texts

5. Which text tells about the power outage?

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Answer Key - Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

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