Firsthand and Secondhand Accounts

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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   Text 1 Text 2

5. Which text tells about the class hamster?

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