Firsthand and Secondhand Accounts

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read the two texts. Circle the answer to each question.

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Text 2

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2. Text 2 is told from the point of view of what kind of writer?
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4. How are the two texts different?
   Text 1 tells feelings; Text 2 reports facts.
   Both texts tell feelings.
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