Firsthand and Secondhand Accounts

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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   a person who was at the event
   a person who was told about it

2. Text 2 is told from the point of view of what kind of writer?
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   a person who was told about it
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