Firsthand and Secondhand Accounts

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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   - a person who made it up
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2. Text 2 is told from the point of view of what kind of writer?
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   - Both texts tell feelings.
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