Author's Purpose and Point of View

Grade 5 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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First, fountains keep people healthy. Doctors say children need plenty of water, especially when they run and play outside. A child who gets thirsty in the middle of a game may feel dizzy or tired. A fountain close by makes it easy to take a quick drink and get back to playing.

Second, fountains save money for families. A bottle of water at the corner store costs about two dollars. A family with three children could spend six dollars in a single afternoon. A fountain gives water to everyone for free, every single day.

Third, fountains help the planet. Every plastic bottle has to be made, shipped and thrown away. Many of these bottles end up in rivers and on beaches. When people can refill their own bottles, far less plastic is wasted.

Some people say fountains cost too much to build. It is true that a new fountain costs a few thousand dollars. However, one fountain can serve thousands of visitors each summer. That is a small price for healthier kids and a cleaner city.

Please write to the city council before its meeting on May 3. Ask the members to vote yes on the Park Fountain Plan. Every park should have water for everyone who plays there.

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   to explain how water fountains are built and repaired

   to persuade readers that every park needs a water fountain

   to tell a story about one soccer game at Riverside Park

2. Why does the author begin with the story about the soccer field?

   to report the final score of the summer games

   to describe the store that is six blocks away

   to show the problem that fountains would solve

3. Which sentence best shows the author's point of view?

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4. How does the author organize the reasons in the middle of the text?

from the newest park to the oldest park

in the order the fountains were built

with the words First, Second and Third

5. Why does the author include the price of a bottle of water?

to show that stores should lower their prices

to show that fountains save families money

to show that bottled water is healthier

6. What does the author do in the fifth paragraph?

lists every park that already has a fountain

admits that parks do not need fountains after all

answers people who think fountains cost too much

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