

LA-C-B-7.2 Analyze examples of cause and effect and fact and opinion.

A **fact** is an objective statement that can be proved. For example:

- The Ohio River marked the boundary between the North and the South during the Civil War.
- The Ohio Renaissance Festival takes place in Harveysburg every fall.
- Film director Steven Spielberg was born in Cincinnati.

An **opinion** is a subjective statement that a person may think is true but cannot be proved. It is a personal belief or judgment that some people may agree with and others may not. For example:

- The Ohio River is the most significant river in American history.
- The Ohio Renaissance Festival is one of the best in the country.
- I think Steven Spielberg is America's best film director.

Signal words help you to identify opinions. Signal words that may show that a statement is an opinion include: *bad, believe, best, feel, good, greatest, important, least, may, might, most, must, probably, really, should, should not, and worst.*

Remember that opinions are statements that express beliefs. Opinions cannot always be proven true. It is important that you know how to separate facts from opinions. You can't always trust how truthful materials are that contain more opinions than facts.

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Guided Reading Instruction

Directions: Read the passage below. Use the questions in the margin to guide your reading. Then answer the questions that follow.

The Woman Behind the Camera

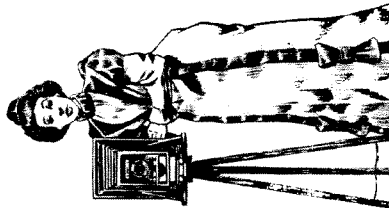
by Harmony Haskins

Frances Benjamin Johnston (1864–1962) was a remarkable pioneer in the field of professional photography. Booker T. Washington, Susan B. Anthony, George Washington Carver, Mark Twain, and Theodore Roosevelt were just a few of the notable figures she photographed. Known as America's court photographer, Johnston is best remembered for her images of public figures in Washington, D.C., between 1889 and 1910 and for her documentary and architectural pictures. Johnston's fame as a photographer was established by commissions from Booker T. Washington at the Hampton Institute in 1899 and the Tuskegee Institute in 1906.

Her photographs include some of the best behind-the-scene pictures of daily life at the White House ever taken.

Early in her career, Johnston took a special interest in the African American workers at the White House and revealed their importance to the everyday operations of the building at that time. She also took news photographs of public events such as the 1889 Easter Egg Roll, which showed children of all races enjoying the fun.

During the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt, Johnston focused her camera on the children who lived and played there. One of her most memorable images was a portrait in 1902 of young Quentin Roosevelt and his friend and playmate Roosevelt Flower Finkney, the son of White House steward Henry Pinkney.



Guided Questions

- 1 Circle the word that indicates that this sentence expresses an opinion.
- 2 What important fact do you learn about Johnston in this sentence?
- 3 Circle the word that makes this statement an opinion.
- 4 What two facts do you learn in this paragraph about Johnston's behind-the-scene photographs?
- 5 What additional fact do you learn about these photographs?

2. Complete the outline below, showing the facts the author uses to support her opinions.

I. Remarkable pioneer in photography

A.

B.

C.

I. Best behind-the-scene photographs of daily life in White House ever taken

A.

B.

C.

Directions: Read the following passage. Then answer the questions that follow.

Are You a Good Sport?

by Marty Kaminsky

- 1 Have you ever watched an athlete face a disappointing decision by an official yet remain calm and continue to play with enthusiasm? It isn't easy to keep one's temper during the heat of the game. I asked some of the sporting world's best sports how they control their emotions. This is what they said.
- 2 At the 2000 Olympic Games, wrestler Brandon Slay was denied a gold medal because officials charged him with penalty points. Slay's coaches believed that the decision was wrong and issued a challenge, but the decision was upheld. Slay was awarded the silver medal.
- 3 "There are moments in sports when things happen that don't seem fair," Slay says. "It is easy to be a poor sport and to blame others, but it's important to learn from every situation, even when things don't go your way. I try to accept the situation and tell myself, 'That's the best I can do.'"
- 4 Several weeks after the Olympics, Slay's opponent was disqualified when it was discovered that he had used illegal drugs. Slay was given the gold medal after all.
- 5 During his second year with the New York Giants, running back Tiki Barber dropped a lot of passes. The angrier he became about it, the more passes he dropped. Finally he learned to keep a lid on his frustrations. He has been a standout player ever since.
- 6 "I try to remember that the more upset I get, the less I concentrate, and that hurts the team," Barber says. "If I get mad and stay mad, I mess up on the field. When I get frustrated, I think of the consequences of playing mad. That calms me down."
- 7 Tiffany Milbrett is a high-scoring forward who starred for the U.S. women's national soccer team. She now plays professionally.
- 8 "When I feel an official's call has gone against me, I take a deep breath and try to get rid of the frustration and anger," Milbrett says. "I will politely ask the referee what I did wrong, but will never blame him for a call or take my frustration out on him. I try to use my anger to play harder."
- 9 During his long career as a baseball player and manager, Joe Torre has seen it all. The manager of the New York Yankees is known for his calm demeanor on and off the field.

- 10 "Every game has rules," Torre says. "The only fair way to play is to respect the rule and the officials who enforce them. There are times when a call will go against you, but when you play a sport, things do not always go your way. To appreciate winning, you have to accept losing, failure, and the times when things seem to go against you. Learning to be gracious when you are disappointed is part of being good sport."
- 11 While still a teenager, Julie Chu earned an Olympic silver medal as a member of the U.S. women's ice-hockey team.
- 12 "The more you let one play affect you, the more it eats away at your concentration and the more mistakes you make," Chu says. "When you love to play a sport, you are passionate about playing, but you have to channel your feelings into positive things. It is important to demonstrate class and character in what you do, and that is exactly what sportsmanship is."
- 13 Dawn Staley has two demanding jobs. As the head coach of the Temple University women's basketball team, Staley must recruit and teach young players. And as an all-star guard in the Women's National Basketball Association, she controls her team's offense.
- 14 "You cannot control what the other team or an official will do," Staley says. "That's why I don't dwell on what others think are bad calls or dirty plays. I gather my team in a huddle and we talk about what we can do to turn things our way. In my opinion, a player's attitude counts as much as her ability."
- 15 Each of these athletes and coaches has shown the value and honor of good sportsmanship. You can do the same in any game or sport you play, whether it is on an organized team, or on the playground with your friends.

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1. In your own words, state the author's opinion about sportsmanship.

2. How did Barber's anger affect his game? What is the author's opinion of Barber after he learned to control his anger?

3. What fact do you learn about Tiffany Milbrett? Do you think she agrees with the author's opinion of sportsmanship? Why or why not?

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Ohio Achievement Practice

Use the passage to answer 1 – 5.

1. Which of these states an opinion?
- A. The manager of the New York Yankees is known for his calm demeanor on and off the field.
 - B. Several weeks into the Olympics, Slay's opponent was disqualified when it was discovered that he had used illegal drugs.
 - C. To appreciate winning, you have to accept losing, failure, and the times when things seem to go against you.
 - D. At the 2000 Olympic Games, wrestler Brandon Slay was denied a gold medal because officials charged him with penalty points.
2. Which of these is a statement of fact?
- A. It isn't easy to keep one's temper during the heat of the game.
 - B. Slay's coaches believed that the decision was wrong and issued a challenge, but the decision was upheld.
 - C. It is easy to be a poor sport and to blame others, but it's important to learn from every situation, even when things don't go your way.
 - D. It is important to demonstrate class and character in all that you do, and that is exactly what sportsmanship is.

3. What is the author's main purpose writing this article?
- A. to praise certain athletes
 - B. to give information about how to take part in sports
 - C. to compare people who are poor sports with people who are good sports
 - D. to encourage readers to show sportsmanship
4. "Dawn Staley has two demanding jobs. As the head coach of the Temple University women's basketball team, Staley must recruit and teach young players. And as an all-star guard in the Women's National Basketball Association, she controls her team's offense."
- The author uses facts to support her opinion about Dawn Staley?
- A. She has two jobs that are very demanding.
 - B. She is head coach of the Temple University women's basketball team.
 - C. She recruits and teaches young players.
 - D. She is an all-star guard.
5. What do you think Dawn Staley would say to a player who lost his temper and walked off the field after a bad call? Use details from the selection and your own ideas to support your response.

2 Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper.