

Facts vs. Opinions



I can dissect informational texts for facts versus opinions, summarize and paraphrase information, avoid plagiarism, and organize my source citations and notes into a working outline.

Papers that persuade must be filled with facts and opinions.

FACT

Can be confirmed or verified by a personal observation, an eyewitness account, a reliable source, a scientific experiment, or a discussion with an expert.


OPINION

A point of view that someone holds and can vary from person to person. It cannot be proved because it expresses a belief, a feeling, or a thought.

As a group, organize the 26 statements into either "Fact" or "Opinion".

- ___ 1. Lindsey Lohan starred in *Mean Girls* and *The Parent Trap*.
- ___ 2. Lindsey Lohan is a gorgeous babe.
- ___ 3. Born Harold Jenkins, country singer Conway Twitty took his stage name from Conway, Arkansas, and Twitty, Texas.
- ___ 4. Country music sounds like a group of dying alley cats.
- ___ 5. Fall is the best season because of milder temperatures and the changing leaves.
- ___ 6. Monster Truck-A-Thons are tacky. (continued)



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- ___ 7. SPAM online is even more annoying than phone calls from telemarketers.
 - ___ 8. In the cartoon, SpongeBob SquarePants lives in a pineapple under the sea.
 - ___ 9. The *SpongeBob SquarePants Movie* is not as good as *SpongeBob's* TV show.
 - ___ 10. Jessica Simpson is a better singer than Ashlee Simpson.
 - ___ 11. Ashlee Simpson was caught lip syncing on "Saturday Night Live."
 - ___ 12. Dale Earnhardt earned over \$27 million racing cars in his lifetime.
 - ___ 13. Dale Earnhardt is the best race car driver who ever lived.
 - ___ 14. Teenagers are more responsible than their parents think.
 - ___ 15. The legal voting age should be lowered to age 16.
 - ___ 16. Split pea soup should be banned from all school cafeteria menus.
 - ___ 17. Ansel Adams used black and white film to take photographs.
 - ___ 18. Colorado is the coolest state to live in because of its winter sports.
 - ___ 19. The Statue of Liberty is a popular tourist destination.
 - ___ 20. Tony Hawk is a professional skateboarder.
 - ___ 21. No Doubt is the best-dressed band of the 1990s.
 - ___ 22. A hybrid vehicle runs on a combination of gas and electricity.
 - ___ 23. Leonardo DiCaprio is the best actor ever.
 - ___ 24. Listening to classical music is lame.
 - ___ 25. Gettysburg is the site of the largest battle of the Civil War.
 - ___ 26. XBox games are superior to PlayStation 2 games.