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Fact and Opinion

- A **statement of fact** tells something that can be proved true or false. You can prove it true or false by reading, observing, or asking an expert.
- A **statement of opinion** tells your ideas or feelings. It cannot be proved true or false.

Directions Read the following passage and use the information to complete the Fact and Opinion Chart below.

Angel Island was the main immigration station in the West. Mostly Chinese immigrants came through Angel Island. Some were there for weeks and some for months. That’s a long time to wait. Years later, the buildings were supposed to be torn down. It’s a good thing they weren’t

because Chinese writing was found on the walls. The writing was carved into the walls where the people stayed. The writing turned out to be poems. Who wrote these poems? Why were they written? They were written by the immigrants. They told the stories of their long wait.

Directions Write the statements of fact from the passage in the left column. Write the statements of opinion in the right column.

Facts	Opinions
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Angel Island was the main immigration station in the West. 2. Some Chinese immigrants stayed there for a long time. 3. Poems written in Chinese were found on the walls. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Waiting for weeks and months is a long time to wait. 5. It was a good thing that the buildings weren’t torn down.

6. Who wrote the poems, and what were they about?

People waiting to enter the United States wrote them about their experiences while they waited.



Home Activity Your child learned about the difference between statements of fact and statements of opinion. Help your child write a poem about a recent experience he or she had. Discuss the poem’s statements of fact and statements of opinion.