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Fact and Opinion

- A statement of **fact** is a statement that can be proved true or false. You can check a statement of fact by looking in reference sources, asking an expert, or observing.
- A statement of **opinion** is a person's beliefs or ideas about something. You cannot prove whether it is true or false.

Directions Use the book *A Time of Change* to answer the questions below.

Possible responses given.

1. Reread page 4 in the book. What is a statement of fact on this page?

In 1920, a new law gave women the right to vote.

2. What is one statement of opinion that the author makes on page 4? How do you know that this is an opinion and not a fact?

Most women did not mind working at home. It is the author's belief about women and cannot be checked in a source.

3. Reread the section of the book entitled "Women in College." What is one statement of fact that the author makes about colleges for women in the 1800s?

Oberlin College opened its doors to both men and women in 1833.

4. What is a statement of opinion that the author makes about women in college during the early 1900s?

Of course, it was not easy for these women.

5. Reread the Conclusion, beginning on page 20 in the reader. Which statement contains both a fact and an opinion? Which part is which?

Fact: Many women choose to stay at home.

Opinion: The most important job of all is being a mother.