

Name _____

Fact and Opinion

- A statement of **fact** is a statement that can be proved true or false.
- A statement of **opinion** is a statement of someone's judgment, belief, or way of thinking about something.

Directions Write *F* beside statements of fact and *O* beside statements of opinion. Then explain what makes the statement a fact or an opinion.

F

1. Thomas Hart Benton is a famous muralist.

Many people have written about him; many people know him.

O

2. Thomas Hart Benton is the best of the American muralists.

You cannot prove it, but you can compare him to other artists and like his art more.

F

3. His father wanted his son to go into politics.

His father sent him to military school and expressed a desire for him to go into politics.

O

4. Art institutes are better schools than military institutes.

You cannot prove that this is true.

O

5. New York City is the best place for an artist to live.

You cannot prove this is true.