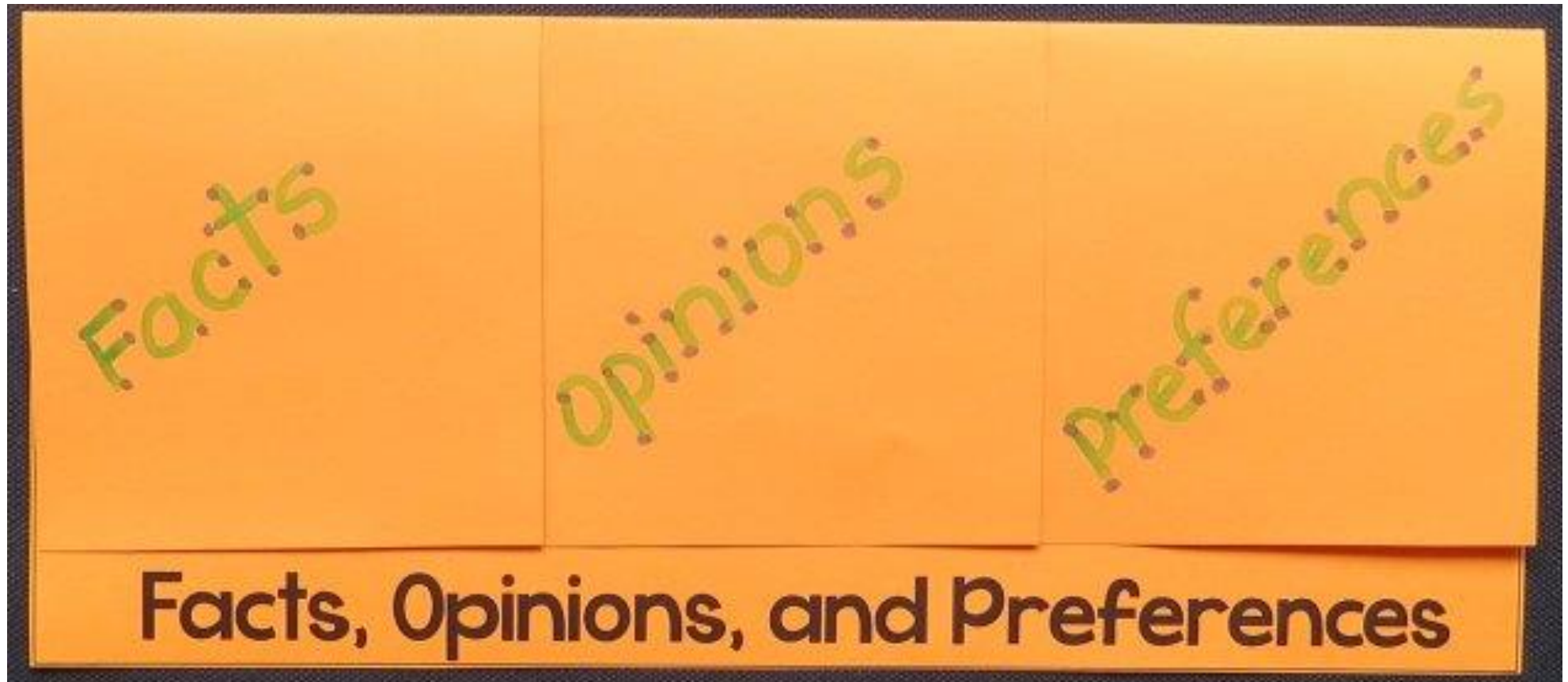


Facts, Opinions, and Preferences Organizer

Three versions of this organizer are offered: one with blanks for students to write their own definitions and sentences; one with the definitions provided but with blank spaces for students to write in key words; and one with the answers provided. The third copy of the organizer may be used as an answer key, for differentiated instruction, for students who were absent during instruction, or if you wish for the students to have the sentences already completed.

Instructions

1. Print organizer onto colored paper.
2. Have students cut the organizer out on the lines indicated.
3. After filling in the missing information, students will fold on the dotted line.
4. Students cut on the solid line between the three flaps up to the dotted fold line so the organizer can open one flap at a time.
5. Students may label the outside of each flap.



Define Facts.

A fact is a _____ piece of information. Facts are things that happened _____ or are _____ . These details can be proven _____ or _____. Facts can be supported by _____. _____ genres focus on facts and opinions.

Define Opinions.

An opinion is a _____, _____, or _____ about something. It is what someone _____ about a particular subject or object. The _____ genre focuses on opinions.

Define Preferences.

A preference is a feeling of _____ or _____ one person or thing more than another person or thing. Some feel that preferences fall in the _____ category. Others argue that preferences are a _____ unto themselves.

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Facts, Opinions, and Preferences

Define Facts.

A fact is a proven piece of information. Facts are things that happened in the past or are happening now. These details can be proven right or wrong. Facts can be supported by evidence. Nonfiction genres focus on facts and opinions.

Define Opinions.

An opinion is a belief, judgment, or way of thinking about something. It is what someone thinks about a particular subject or object. The fiction genre focuses on opinions.

Define Preferences.

A preference is a feeling of liking or wanting one person or thing more than another person or thing. Some feel that preferences fall in the opinion category. Others argue that preferences are a category unto themselves.

Examples of Facts:

Five percent of Alaska is covered by glaciers.

Alaska has more coastline than the rest of the United States combined.

The lowest temperature recorded in Alaska was -80 degrees Fahrenheit at Prospect Creek Camp in 1971.

Examples of Opinions:

Catching salmon, crab, and halibut in Alaska is a great sport.

One of the best reasons to move to Alaska is it has no poisonous plants to touch.

Due to the long summer days, Alaska's cabbage is unsurpassed.

Examples of Preferences:

I would rather live in Florida where it is hot than in Alaska where it is cold.

Eating moose meat is disgusting.

I think Denali is the most beautiful peak in North America.

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Fact versus Opinion Flow Chart

Does the writer use any of the following?

- extreme positives or negatives
- descriptive words
- emotional language

YES - Opinion

No - Investigate a little more.



Is there evidence?

No - Opinion

Yes - Investigate a little more.

Does the evidence come from a reliable source?

No - Opinion

Yes - Investigate a little more.

Does the source contain opposing or differing evidence?

No - Opinion

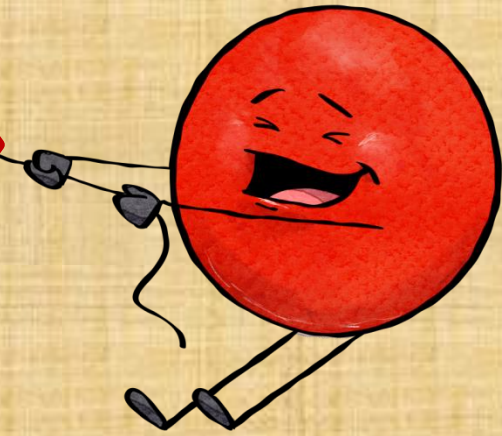
Yes - Fact or Opinion

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