

FIRSTHAND & SECONDHAND ACCOUNTS

task cards

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1. Compare Firsthand and Secondhand Accounts

"Two friends and I visited the Bridgeport Library branch in Chicago, Illinois. We were three black young men of eleven and twelve years old. We visited the Bridgeport branch because we couldn't find the books we needed at the Oakland branch. We crossed the color line to the neighborhood. We were more afraid and didn't know. We were more afraid of the projects. After we got our books, particular problems at the library of the neighborhood we were chased by a man."

"Racial segregation re..."

27. Compare Firsthand and Secondhand Accounts

"It frightened me a little, but we were safe in the wagon with its nice tight cover to keep out the wind and the rain. The wagon was home, we had lived in it so long, and Pa's rifle was hanging at the side where he could get it quickly to shoot the wolf. He wouldn't let wolves, nor anything, hurt us, and Jack the brindle bulldog was lying under the wagon guarding us too, and so we fell asleep." -Laura Ingalls Wilder's account of moving westward

Laura Ingalls Wilder was born February 7, 1867, in Wisconsin. She was the author of children's books about her childhood in the American Midwest. Laura Ingalls Wilder's family moved frequently from one place to another. Her father took the family to Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Indian Territory, and Oklahoma.

How does the firsthand account of segregation differ from the secondhand account?

- The firsthand account is fiction, while the secondhand account is based on a true story.
- The firsthand account tells about a specific event, while the secondhand account tells about a general situation.
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What fact can be found in both the firsthand and secondhand accounts?

- Both accounts discuss how Laura and her family traveled by covered wagon.
- Both accounts discuss how scared Laura felt while traveling.
- Both accounts tell when Laura lived.
- Both accounts tell the different states Laura and her family went to.

Compare & Contrast Firsthand & Secondhand Accounts



12. Compare Firsthand and Secondhand Accounts Challenge

- Underline a fact or idea that is similar in each account.
- (Circle) a fact or idea that is different in each account.

4th Grade

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- A physical description of the events
- A description of the public reactions to the events
- A reference to television coverage of the events
- A specific timeline of the events

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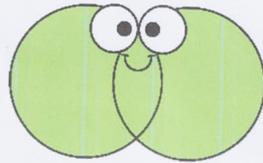
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A twelve-year-old girl landed a world-record battle last week in Northumberland Strait in a 618-pound Atlantic tuna and set a record for a junior girl, much to the disbelief of many who believe it was impossible.

12. Compare

"In April 1840 a Sewerage inhibitor was introduced into the city of London. It was a great success and it was the first time that the city was able to dispose of its sewage properly."

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Only twelve people walked on the surface of the moon that of the risk of stumbling and falling was a real possibility. The astronauts walked carefully when they first started walking on the surface of the moon.

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"This narrow alleyway with its cultures, much different from our neighborhood. We had a computer market. How do you like it? a. The market was very busy. b. The market was very quiet. c. The market was very clean. d. The market was very dirty."

1. Compare

In the firsthand account, the author tells about someone who experienced it.

Ways to Use Task Cards

1. **Centers**
2. **Scoot:** Pass out one card for each student. Set a timer and say, “Scoot!” when the timer goes off. Students move seats to the next card. They continue to rotate until they are back at their original seats.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide cards around the room. Students search for cards and answer them.
4. **Jenga:** Number Jenga blocks. Students stack the blocks then take turns pulling them. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole-Class Practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini whiteboards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.

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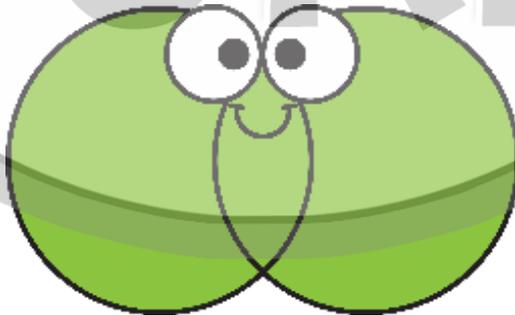
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4.	A
5.	A
6.	A
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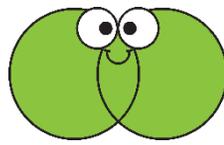
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27.	A
28.	C
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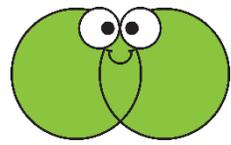


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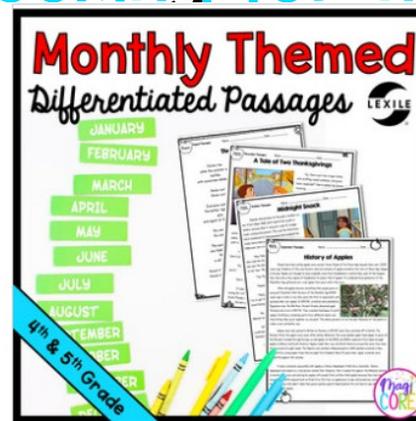


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