

AUTHOR'S OPINION

task cards



★ Author's Opinion Challenge

Underline the author's opinion in red.

Underline the author's opinion in yellow.

26 Author's Opinion

Everyone should learn to swim. Drowning is one of the most common causes of accidental death in children. Swimming is a life-saving skill. Learning to swim keeps people safe, but it's also a fun sport. There are lots of health benefits, too. Swimming is good for the heart and lungs. It improves strength and flexibility. Balance and posture are also affected by swimming. Learning to swim can introduce you to others so you can make more friends. Being successful at swimming can give you more confidence.

What is the author's opinion about swimming?

- Swimming improves your health.
- Learning to swim is a waste of time.
- Everyone should learn to swim.
- Drowning is a common cause of death.

Author's Opinion

Answer Sheet

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What evidence does the author provide to support the opinion that Patricia Polacco's books are enjoyable?

- Patricia Polacco's books are meaningful to readers of all ages.
- Patricia Polacco's books are about family, community, and topics.
- Patricia Polacco's books are written for children.
- Patricia Polacco's books are about her own life.

1 Author's Opinion

Physical education is the best class. It allows students to get exercise. Running, jumping, and stretching are all parts of physical education classes. Students also get a chance to play with their classmates. This happens during games, sports, or teambuilding activities that are done in PE. Skills are learned in a fun and active way. Special equipment is used in physical education classes, too. Students explore the equipment. They may even discover they have a talent for a certain sport. Most of all, physical education classes give students a break from sitting at a desk in a classroom.

What is the author's opinion?

- Everyone loves physical education classes.
- Physical education is the best class in school.
- Physical education classes give students a break from sitting at a desk in a classroom.



2nd Grade

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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What is the author's opinion?

- a. Everyone loves physical education class.
- b. Physical education is the best class in school.
- c. Physical education is good for the body.
- d. Students should have longer physical education classes.

2 Author's Opinion

Invisibility would make your life very interesting. If you were able to become invisible, you could go anywhere you wanted. No one would see you. You would be the world's best Hide and Seek player. You could just go invisible as soon as the seeker started counting. Getting into sold-out movies or concerts would never be a problem either. You could also use your skills for good. The police would love to have you help them solve crimes and catch bad guys. You'd be able to sneak up on criminals with no problem at all. They'd never see you coming! Everyone would think you were a hero.

Which evidence does the author supply to support the opinion that invisibility would make your life very interesting?

- a. The author provides scientific facts about invisibility.
- b. The author provides examples of how you could use invisibility in your life.
- c. The author provides quotes from famous invisibility experts.
- d. The author provides important numbers to support becoming invisible.

3 Author's Opinion

Class pets should definitely be allowed. Having a pet in the classroom would teach students more about animals. They may become life-long lovers of wildlife. They would also learn how to care for the pet. This would make students more responsible. If a student was having a bad day, a class pet could cheer that student up. Animals are good at getting humans to release stress. A reward for doing good work might be to spend extra time with the class pet. This would motivate many students to pay attention and follow directions. A class pet would create a better classroom community.

Which sentence states the author's opinion?

- a. They would also learn how to care for the pet.
- b. This would make students more responsible.
- c. Class pets should definitely be allowed.
- d. A class pet could cheer a student up.

4 Author's Opinion

Everyone should eat salad every day. Salads have many vitamins and minerals. The vitamin C in fresh vegetables used to make salads supports your immune system. This means you won't get sick as much. Salads are low in calories too. This is good for keeping a healthy weight. The fiber in salads makes digesting food easier as well. Eating salad also reduces the risk of many diseases such as cancer and heart disease.

What evidence does the author supply to support the opinion that everyone should eat salad every day?

- a. The author includes quotes from salad experts.
- b. The author tells about personal experiences with eating salad.
- c. The author gives examples of different salads to eat.
- d. The author gives reasons why salads are good for you.

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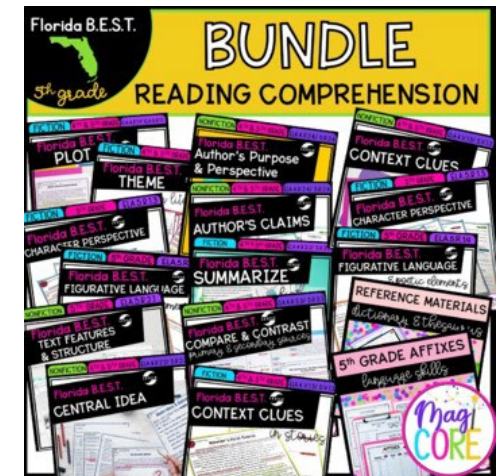


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