

AUTHOR'S OPINION

task cards



2nd GRADE



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 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 cheer that student up. Animals are good at getting humans to relax. 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?

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

15 Author's Opinion

Boston is the best city to live in. First of all, it is historical. Many early events that led to the United States being a free country happened in Boston. This city has many well-known colleges. Harvard, MIT, and Boston College are all located in Boston. Delicious food is easy to find in this city as well. Everything from fancy restaurants to food trucks can be found there. Many museums and galleries show off the city's artistic side. Sports fans also have many teams to support. The Red Sox and the Celtics are both Boston teams. Finally, it is easy to get around Boston using the subway.

What sentence could be added to support the author's opinion?

- It is expensive to live in the city of Boston.
- Boston has too much traffic during the work week.
- Boston is also close to other major cities on the East Coast.
- Boston homes are old and need repair.

28 Author's Opinion

Artificial Christmas trees are a genius invention. They allow people to decorate for the holiday without some of the hassles real trees have. They are easy to put up, take down, and store. They cost less in the long run because you can reuse them each year. Fake Christmas trees are made of sturdy materials. This means they can last for many years. They also keep people from cutting down perfectly healthy and beautiful real trees only to throw them out after the holiday is over. Artificial trees are also perfect if you have allergies. Finally, fake trees come in different shapes, sizes, colors, and styles. They can fit in any type of home.

What type of evidence does the author provide to support the opinion that artificial Christmas trees are a genius invention?

- The author gives reasons why fake trees are convenient.
- The author describes what you can do with a fake tree.
- The author lists what fake trees are made of.
- The author includes quotes from Christmas tree sellers.



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.

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 class too. Students explore the equipment. They may even discover they have a talent for a certain sport. Most of all, physical education class gives students a break from sitting at a desk in a classroom.

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.
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- c. Class pets should definitely be allowed.
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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.

Answer Sheet

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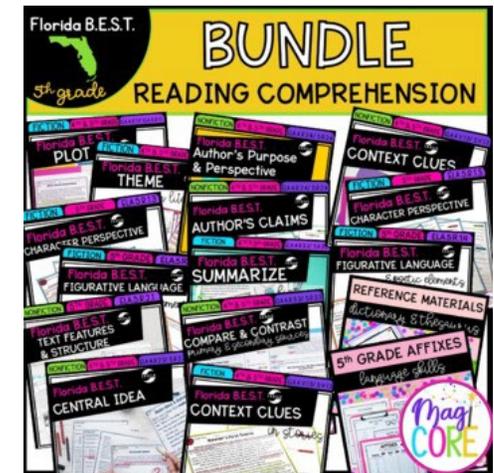


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