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Fact and Opinion

Focus

Good writers use both facts and opinions in their writing. A good reader can tell one from the other.

- **Facts** are details that can be proven true or false.
- **Opinions** are what people think or feel. They cannot be proven true or false.

Practice

Read the statements below. Write **O** for opinion and **F** for fact. Ask yourself whether the statement can be proven true or false (fact), or whether it is someone's feelings (opinion).

- _____ 1. Thomas Jefferson Pickett was born into slavery.
- _____ 2. Thomas married Mary Gilbert.
- _____ 3. Bill Pickett was the feistiest boy in Texas.
- _____ 4. Bill had two cousins, Anderson Pickett and Jerry Barton.
- _____ 5. Bill was the bravest cowboy in the country.
- _____ 6. No one could bulldog a steer like Bill.
- _____ 7. Bill married Maggie Turner in 1890.
- _____ 8. Bill Pickett was the most exciting thing to ever happen to Taylor, Texas.
- _____ 9. Bill and Maggie had nine children.