

## FACT AND OPINION

When you write a research paper, you must be very careful to stick to the **FACTS**. A research paper is written to give people **INFORMATION** that is true or can be proven true.

**FACT** – information that can be proven true.

**OPINION** – information that cannot be proven true.



Label these sentences as **FACT** or **OPINION**.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Oregon has many lakes.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Hawaii has the most beautiful islands in the world.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Pennsylvania was one of the thirteen original states.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Arkansas has mineral springs which can cure any illness.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Virginia was the site of the first permanent English settlement in the New World.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Michigan's shape is made by lakes.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Texas is an oil-producing state.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Iowa became a state in 1846.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ New York is an active center for art, music, and the theater.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ California has the lowest point in the nation — Death Valley.

At the end of your report, you may write opinions you have about your selected state, but you **MUST** make it clear that they are **YOUR** opinions.