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Pocahontas Puzzle
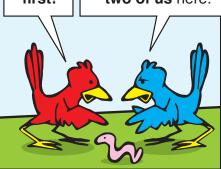
You may have heard the legend of Pocahontas. But is it true?
Today's Kid Scoop page explores **fact** and **opinion**.

Can you tell **fact** from **opinion**?

Sure! It's a **FACT** that I'm really hungry!

Hey! I saw this worm **first**!

That's your **opinion**! The **fact** is, there is **one worm** and **two of us** here.

That's **your** opinion! The **FACT** is, I'm out of here!

Underline the differences in each version of the Pocahontas story.

The Legend of POCAHONTAS

Pocahontas was the favored daughter of a powerful Indian chief called Powhatan.

When Pocahontas was about 10 or 11 years old, an English company called the Virginia Company of London sailed to North America, arriving in the Chesapeake Bay area, close to where Pocahontas lived.

(Map showing: Delaware, Washington, D.C., West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Jamestown, North Carolina)

The Englishmen built a fort there and called it Jamestown, after the king of England.

Some stories say that when the settlers ran out of food, Pocahontas helped them. The most well known story says that when Captain John Smith, a leader of the Jamestown settlement, visited with Powhatan, he was asked to lay on two rocks. Once he lay down, Powhatan's men raised clubs as if to kill him. Pocahontas, the legend claims, saved his life by covering him with her own body.

Standards Link: Literary Criticism: Evaluate the author's use of credibility of plot to influence readers' perspective. History: Historical Interpretation.

Powhatan Chief Tells Pocahontas Story

"Part of the legend is true and part of it is not," says Chief Roy Crazy Horse, leader of the Powhatan people today.

"Pocahontas was the daughter of a chief named Powhatan. She was about 10 or 11 years of age when the Virginia Company of London started the settlement of Jamestown.

"But," he adds, "the story about Pocahontas saving Captain Smith from being clubbed by Powhatan's men is not true. In fact, right after his visit with Powhatan, Smith wrote that he had been treated in a friendly fashion as an honored guest.

"Captain John Smith wrote the story about Pocahontas saving his life in a report he wrote 17 years after the event was supposed to have happened," says the chief. "In fact, Smith wrote this report seven years after Pocahontas herself died. So there was no way for her to contradict the story."

To read the full Powhatan history of Pocahontas, go to their website, www.powhatan.org/pocc.html

Fact Sniffer

An opinion tells what someone thinks or feels about something. Different people can have different opinions about the same thing. For example, if two baseball teams play each other, the score tells a fact about the game. Let's say one team gets 5 points and the other gets 3 points. One team might say it was a good game and the other team might say it was a bad game. "Good" and "bad" are opinions about that game.

Standards Link: Comprehension: Distinguish between facts and opinions.

Look at the following statements. Underline the facts and circle the opinions.

- The mountain is 8,432 feet high.
- The mountain is beautiful.
- I have six cookies.
- The dog is 8 years old.
- Tina is popular.
- Tina has five friends.
- These cookies are good.
- The dog is weird.

Extra! Extra!
Fact and Opinion Detective

Look at an ad in today's newspaper. Underline the facts in **red**. Underline the opinions in **blue**.

Standards Link: Comprehension: Distinguish between facts and opinions.

(Maze puzzle)

Did you know Pocahontas was a nickname? Her real name was **Matoake**.

Follow the maze to find out what the nickname Pocahontas means.

Pocahontas means:
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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

POCAHONTAS
POWHATAN
JAMESTOWN
FACTS
HORSE
SMITH
MATOAKE
SEVEN
STORY
FOOD
ENGLISH
JOHN
FORT
GAME
BORN

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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G	E	E	N	D	H	J	A	O	R
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P	O	C	A	H	O	N	T	A	S
S	P	N	E	F	O	R	T	A	K
H	S	I	L	G	N	E	Y	O	U

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Famous Women

Pretend you are a newspaper reporter covering a story about a famous woman. Write a headline and lead sentence telling about your person. Explain why this person would make an interesting news story.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief expository descriptions about people.

What do historians talk about when they get together?

ANSWER: Old times, of course!