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INFORMATIONAL WRITING: Strong Support

What is Informational Writing?

The purpose of this genre of writing is to inform the reader about a topic. It uses information (facts and details) to teach about the topic.

DIRECTIONS: Circle the facts that would best support a topic in an informational essay.



1. Which of the following facts would support an informational essay about tornadoes? *Circle three.*
 - a. A tornado is a violent weather event.
 - b. I think tornadoes are really scary storms.
 - c. Tornadoes are sometimes called twisters.
 - d. It is exciting to see a strong and powerful tornado in the sky.
 - e. The region of the United States that has the most tornadoes is called Tornado Alley.
2. Which of the following facts would support an informational essay about rain? *Circle three.*
 - a. Rain is necessary for plants and grass to grow.
 - b. Rain usually happens as either a drizzle or a shower.
 - c. Rain makes me want to stay in bed all day and sleep.
 - d. Rain can contain dirt, dust, grass, and even chemicals.
 - e. It is fun to jump in the puddles and run in the mud after rain falls.
3. Which of the following facts would support an informational essay about flowers? *Circle three.*
 - a. Without sunlight and water, flowers will die.
 - b. All houses should have gardens full of flowers in the front.
 - c. The most beautiful flowers are those that bloom in the spring.
 - d. Flowers get their food from sunlight, water, and minerals in the soil.
 - e. Flowers take in carbon dioxide, which is what humans release when we breathe.



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4. Which of the following facts would support an informational essay about the sun? Circle three.

- a. Light from the sun reaches Earth in about eight minutes.
- b. I enjoy the warmth of the sun in the spring and summer months.
- c. The sun is a star that is found at the center of the solar system.
- d. You should wear sunscreen and light colored clothing when outside.
- e. The sun’s diameter is about 110 times wider than Earth’s diameter.



YOUR TURN! Write three strong supporting facts on the lines below about a topic of your choice.

Topic: Student answers will vary.

Fact 1: _____

Fact 2: _____

Fact 3: _____
