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CHOCOLATEY FACTS & OPINIONS



¶ A **FACT** is a statement that is true and can be proven.

¶ An **OPINION** is a statement of belief. It tells what someone thinks or feels and can not always be proven true.

DIRECTIONS: As you read the passages below, highlight sentences or phrases that are facts and underline statements that reflect the author's opinion

When you think of chocolate, you probably imagine your favorite candy bar. My favorite chocolate bar is a Snickers bar, because chocolate tastes best when it is combined with caramel. However, when chocolate was first discovered over 4,000 years ago, it was actually consumed as a bitter-tasting drink mixed with honey, vanilla, and chili peppers. But, chili peppers are too spicy to drink. If you drink chocolate, it's best with whipped cream on top.

Did you know that chocolate is made from a bean? It's called cacao, and it's grown on trees that are native to Central and South America. But, now a lot of cacao is grown in Africa, near the equator. If you ever decide to visit a cacao farm, you should go to Ghana in West Africa because it's a beautiful country. After the cacao beans are picked, they are allowed to ferment and dry for several weeks. Then, they are cleaned, roasted, and shelled. Finally, they are heated and mixed with sugar and milk. Next time you eat chocolate, you should think about how hard it is to make!

1. What is your opinion of chocolate?

2. Write two facts you learned about chocolate.
