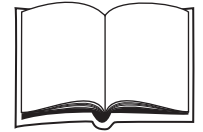


Absent Quotes As Proof: Missing Perspectives



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- **Alternate Author perspectives** can be inferred by contrary or missing information from a text. Critical thinking requires readers to recognize author's perspective, then consider different or missing points of view on the topic. Considering alternate, even opposing perspectives, provides a more complete picture of a topic.
- Consider the following example:

Basketball is the most athletic of all team sports that requires specific talent in order to be successful. It is a team sport that was invented in the late 1800s. A basketball team is made up of athletes who play skilled positions. Each position requires certain skills and qualities. The five positions on a basketball team are the point guard, shooting guard, power forward, center, and small forward. Typically, the point guard is the leader of the team when on the court. This player must have strong ball-handling skills during the game. A leader on the court must be able to facilitate plays and get the team in position to score points.

<p style="text-align: center;">Current Author's Perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I can tell this author is passionate about basketball by the language they use.	<p style="text-align: center;">Alternative or Opposing Perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basketball isn't such a great sport.
<p style="text-align: center;">As Evidenced by the Following Quotes:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Alternative or Opposing Perspectives:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Basketball is the most athletic of all team sports."• "Each position requires certain skills and qualities."• "This player must have strong ball-handling skills during the game."• "A leader on the court must be able to facilitate plays and get the team in position to score points."	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>There are other more athletic team sports.</i>• <i>It doesn't require much skill or special qualities to play any basketball position.</i>• <i>Basketball doesn't require great ball-handling skills.</i>• <i>Any player on the court can be a leader and get the team in position to score points.</i>

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Directions: After your reading, list: Author perspective, quotes as evidence, and opposing perspectives.

Current Author's Perspective:

Alternative or Opposing Perspective:

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As Evidenced by the Following Quotes:

Alternative or Opposing Perspectives:

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Consider This:

How does having alternative or opposing ideas change your views (or not) on the topic? _____
