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English III: Verifying and Challenging a Speaker's Ideas and Conclusions

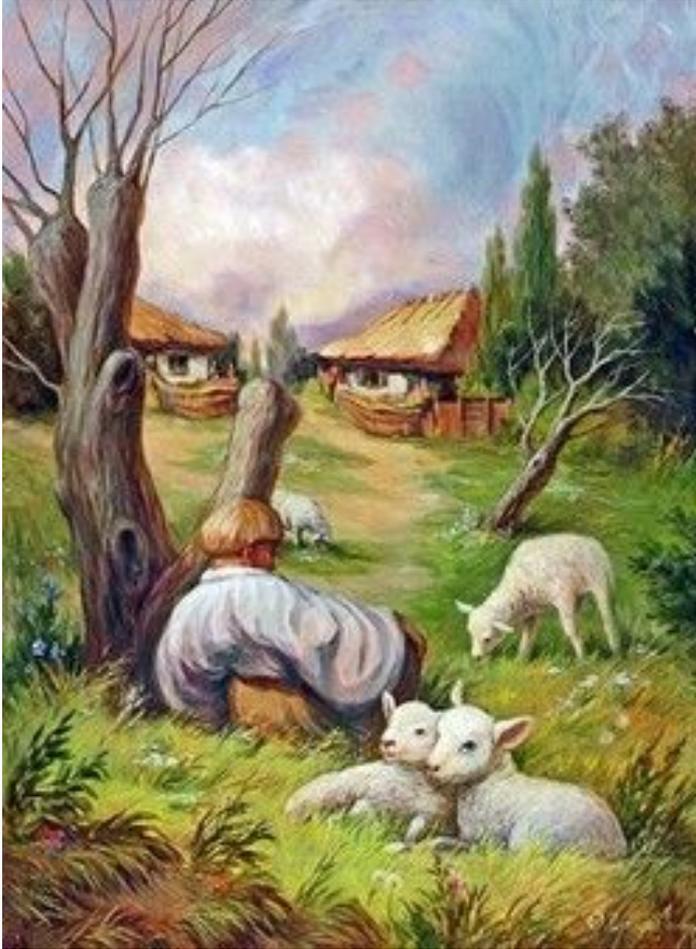
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Objective/Learning Target:

Students will verify and challenge a speaker's ideas or conclusions.

Bell Ringer:



What do you see in this painting? What things can you see in the painting that you could **verify** or prove to be true? What things could you **challenge** that you possibly see in the painting? Click [here](#) to see a larger version of the painting.

Learn:

- When you listen to someone who is trying persuade or convince you, it is important to have a good understanding of what is fact and what is opinion. If you don't know how to differentiate between these two things, you may not be an educated listener, and therefore, could fall victim to misinformation. This [website](#) provides valuable information on how to understand the difference between **FACT** and **OPINION**.
- This [video](#) provides great examples of how to distinguish **FACT** from **OPINION** and offers an interactive game at the end to test your knowledge between the two.
- This [worksheet](#) gives you another opportunity to see if you can figure out the difference between **FACT** and **OPINION**. The answers are provided [here](#).

Practice:

When you **VERIFY** something, you prove it by using **FACTS**. When information can be **CHALLENGED** (when you question its truth or validity), it is based more on **OPINION**. Keep this in mind as you watch the video and complete the chart.

- Watch this inspirational [speech](#) given by a US Navy Admiral, who uses Navy SEAL Training as his message for a graduating class.
- Complete this [chart](#) using the dialogue from the speech to identify what information is *verifiable* and what information can be *challenged*.

Practice Answer Key:

Answers in the chart will vary based on the listener's understanding and choice of information being used. Example answers have been provided in both columns.



If you want to learn more...Additional Resource:



If you want to continue looking at how facts and opinions are both important and have validity when a speaker or writer is trying to convey information or ideas, check out this video.

[Facts or Opinions-Which is Which?](#)