

Unit 1: Fiction and Nonfiction Big Question Vocabulary—3

The Big Question: Is the truth the same for everyone?

Thematic Vocabulary

objective: *adj.* relying on facts rather than personal opinions; other forms: *object, objectively*

opinion: *n.* a personal viewpoint or feeling that cannot be proved true; other forms: *opine, opinionated*

persuade: *v.* to influence the thoughts or actions of others; other forms: *persuading, persuaded, persuasion*

prove: *v.* to use facts to confirm that something is true; other forms: *proving, proved, proof*

theory: *n.* an idea that is supported by evidence but is not fully proved to be true; other forms: *theorize, theorizing, theorized, theories*

A. DIRECTIONS: Answer each question.

1. What might a scientist do to prove that a *theory* is true? _____

2. What might you say to *persuade* a child to drink a glass of milk? _____

3. Why is it important that a judge be *objective*? _____

4. What is the difference between facts and *opinions*? _____

5. What facts would you use to *prove* that vegetables come from plants? _____

B. DIRECTIONS: According to an old folk tale, the moon is made of green cheese. Write a paragraph in which you use facts to challenge that theory. Use as many Thematic Vocabulary words as you can.
