

Unit 1: Fiction and Nonfiction Big Question Vocabulary—2

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

Thematic Vocabulary

bias: *n.* a definite leaning toward a certain point of view, regardless of opposing facts *v.* to influence or change the opinions of someone; other forms: *biased, biasing*

confirm: *v.* to make firm or establish as true; other forms: *confirming, confirmed, confirmation*

contradict: *v.* to disagree with a point of view by stating that the opposite is true; other forms: *contradicting, contradicted, contradiction*

investigate: *v.* to focus on and search into an event or issue, in order to learn the truth; other forms: *investigating, investigated, investigation*

observation: *n.* a spoken or written comment about something that has been noticed; other forms: *observe, observing, observed*

A. DIRECTIONS: Review the Thematic Vocabulary words and their definitions shown above. Then, write the Thematic Vocabulary word that best completes each group of related words.

1. reaction, remark, description, _____
2. deny, dispute, challenge, _____
3. prejudice, injustice, preference, _____
4. prove, assert, verify, _____
5. explore, inquire, study, _____

B. DIRECTIONS: Complete each sentence by filling in the blank with the correct Thematic Vocabulary word.

1. Because I disagreed with his point of view, I felt that I had to _____ him.
2. It's important to _____ each theory by gathering facts to test it.
3. Cats are nice, but I must admit that I have a _____ toward dogs.
4. I had better call the airline to _____ that the plane will arrive at noon.
5. Sir Isaac Newton made his _____ about gravity after being hit on the head by an apple that fell from a tree.