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Facts vs. Opinions and Purpose

Directions: Read each passage. Then:

1. **Underline the sentence that is an opinion** (or identify it).
2. **Circle the sentence that is a fact** (or identify it).
3. **Determine the author's purpose:** to **Inform**, **Persuade**, or **Entertain**.

1. Dogs are commonly kept as pets and are known for their loyalty.
Golden Retrievers are the best dogs because they are friendly and playful.

Author's Purpose: _____

2. Eating too much sugar can lead to health problems like diabetes and tooth decay.
In my opinion, candy should be banned from schools because it's nothing but trouble.

Author's Purpose: _____

3. The moon's gravity causes tides on Earth.
Watching the waves come in and out is the most relaxing way to spend an afternoon.

Author's Purpose: _____

4. This video game has stunning graphics and incredible storylines.
It's easily the best game ever made and totally worth the money.

Author's Purpose: _____

5. There are seven continents on Earth: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, and Australia.
Europe has the most fascinating cultures and best food in the world.

Author's Purpose: _____