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Fair Or Flawed

Directions: Read each short passage below. Each text includes references to sources (experts, community members, organizations, or data). After reading, decide whether the passage relies on **balanced sources** (presenting multiple sides) or **one-sided sources** (favoring only one perspective).

1. A recent article on school schedules quoted **two high school students** who complained about feeling tired with early start times. It also cited a **university sleep researcher** who explained the health benefits of starting school later. No school administrators or parents were interviewed.

Balanced or One-Sided? _____

Why? _____

2. A city newsletter praised the new sports complex, quoting the **mayor**, the **head coach of a local team**, and a **city parks official**. All three sources spoke positively about the project's benefits. No critical or opposing voices were included.

Balanced or One-Sided? _____

Why? _____

3. A news report featured a **local grocery store manager** explaining the challenges of a plastic bag ban and an **environmental activist** describing its benefits. The article also included a short summary of **city council data** showing the expected reduction in waste.

Balanced or One-Sided? _____

Why? _____

4. A blog post argued that school lunches are unhealthy, relying on **anonymous student comments** and one **parent's opinion**. No nutritionists, cafeteria staff, or official health reports were cited.

Balanced or One-Sided? _____

Why? _____