

Truth Or Belief Answer Key

1. F - Based on the Court's official decision
2. O - Evaluates the ruling emotionally
3. F - Historical record
4. F - Supported by historians and documented reactions
5. O - Personal judgment
6. F - Court's legal conclusion
7. O - Value-based viewpoint
8. F/O - Historically supported impacts, but includes interpretation (accept either if reasoning is given)
9. F - Year of decision
10. O - Moral judgment about slavery (though widely agreed upon today)

Reflection: Students should convert an opinion into a factual statement grounded in evidence (wording will vary).

Teacher's Guide

Differentiation

- Support: Highlight signal words that suggest opinion (e.g., "worst," "unfair").
- Challenge: Have students justify each label using a brief source-based explanation.

Engagement Strategies

- Turn this into a "Fact or Opinion?" game where students stand for fact and sit for opinion.
- In pairs, students rewrite **two** opinion statements as factual claims supported by evidence.

Extension Idea: Add a follow-up writing task: Why is separating fact and opinion important in history?