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Point of View Worksheet 3

Directions: Read the following passages and determine the narrative perspective, then explain how you were able to identify the point of view.

Narrative Perspective (point of view): first-person, second-person, third-person objective, third-person limited, and third-person omniscient

1. *Most Improved Player* by Robert Grisly

"Do you want to take the shot, Vince?" The coach asked me. I looked into his eyes. They were ice-cold blue. His face did not betray his feelings, but I knew that he meant it. "I do, Coach. I can make the shot." I replied. He nodded and then put his hand on top of my head. "I don't know how long any of us will live, but we will all remember what happens next for as long as we do." He then slapped me on the back. The referee blew the whistle and it was time to find out just how I would be remembered.

Narrator's Point of View: _____

Explain your Answer

2. *Tatakai Warriors: Fighting for Peanut Butter Instruction Manual* by Tatakai Warriors Inc.

Congratulations on purchasing the *Tatakai Warriors: Fighting for Peanut Butter* computer game. Before you install this program, you'll need to make sure that you have at least 24 kb of free space on your installation target. Insert the cd rom disc into your drive. The disc should run automatically. Select "Full Install" from the installation menu. The program will begin installing on your target drive. This might take up to twenty-four hours. Once installation is complete, an alert box should appear. If you see a successful installation message, remove the disc from the drive and enjoy the adventure!

Narrator's Point of View: _____

Explain your Answer

3. *For the Stars and Heavens* by Bradley Fox

Odin brushed the snowflakes off of his sword and replied, "I will never accept a peace treaty from the Hamburgs. They are our sworn enemies and so long as I can hold a sword, I will point it at Hamburgs." Epée looked at him and wrinkled her face. A long moment passed in silence. Snow continued to fall from the sky. Finally, Epée responded, "But, Odin, think about what peace might mean for the children." Odin sneered and said, "Humph," but made no further comment. Epée drew her weapon.

Narrator's Point of View: _____

Explain your Answer

4. *A Cut Too Deep* by Angela Marshall

Greg looked up at the bright lights in the operating room until they burned a white spot in his field of vision. He looked at the face of the surgeon and saw only a white blur. When he looked away, he could see the surgeon's masked face from his peripheries. He could hear him readying an array of metal instruments, many of which looked as though they might belong to a dentist. *I hope he's not going to use those on me!* Greg thought to himself with terror. The surgeon picked up one that looked like a bent up question mark.

Narrator's Point of View: _____

Explain your Answer

5. *In the Bush: The Story of Unit 316* by Howard Morton

We were a tightly knit unit. When one of us ate, all of us ate, and we all ate the same thing: shrubs and plants. Sure, Uncle Sam provided us with C-Rations, but those things produced a smell that could be detected from fifty-yards away, more if the wind was blowing. So even though it took longer to make our meals the way that the natives did, we had too. It was a matter of survival.

Narrator's Point of View: _____

Explain your Answer

6. *The Great Divide and Other Freshman Tales* by P. W. Dunhill

"Wow, look at his costume," said Annie. "He's dressed up like an electric jellyfish." She observed the flashing lights with genuine admiration. Adrianna looked at the costume and scoffed. Secretly, she envied the detail and craftsmanship that went into the jellyfish costume, but she would never let on to Annie. "What kind of loser goes walking around like a Christmas tree?" Adrianna said. Annie did not agree, but did not want to be disagreeable. "Yeah... what kind?" The ladies walked by another house. Annie did not like this. It seemed like Adrianna more interested in criticizing others than in trick-or-treating. Annie adjusted the headband to her costume. Adrianna was not wearing a costume.

Narrator's Point of View: _____

Explain your Answer

7. *Bob's Robot Emporium Radio Spot #6* by Bob's Robot Emporium Inc.

Do you love robots? Do you love saving money? If so, you're going to love Bob's Robot Emporium. Getting to Bob's is easy. If you are coming from the west, just head east on route 272 until you get to route 47. Head south on route 47 until you see the sign for Bob's Robot Emporium. You can't miss it. If you are coming from the other way, head west on route 272 west until you get to route 47, then head south. You are going to love the fabulous selection and low prices at Bob's and remember: if you didn't get it from Bob's, then it might exterminate your family.

Narrator's Point of View: _____

Explain your Answer

8. *Warning: System Meltdown Imminent* by Terry Pierson

Beep, beep, beeeeeeeep. The computer was going haywire. Scott read the message on the monitor. "Error 26: Resource Not Found." This made absolutely no sense to Scott. He continued troubleshooting, unplugging the drive and plugging it back into the computer, closing the program and reloading it, and shutting down the device and restarting it. None of this made any difference. Scott scratched his head. *Well, I guess I'll have to recode this driver,* Scott thought to himself, but this made Scott cringe. He felt that nothing was worse than writing driver code, except writing the driver code twice. Just then Dennis came in from the break room. He wasn't scheduled to have a break at this time, but he knew that Scott would never notice, not when he was so entrenched in his work. Dennis quietly returned to his desk.

Narrator's Point of View: _____

Explain your Answer

9. *Disaster Area: The Story of Andy Reynolds* by Chris A. Bowman

Andy looked around his room. It was completely trashed. His floors were layered with clothing. Underneath the clothing were random toys. His lamp had a pair of boxer shorts on top of it. Some of his drawers were pulled out completely from his dresser and lying on the floor, others were hanging from the dresser. As Andy walked toward the bed carrying a blanket, he jumped up in the air and exclaimed, "Ahhh! My foot! I hurt my foot!" He peeled back the layers under where he just stepped and found a model plane. He threw it across the room with a crash.

Narrator's Point of View: _____

Explain your Answer

10. *Shadow Wolf* by Shannon Kilpatrick

"You can't go that way, the path is blocked by something evil. No one who has gone down that path has ever returned," Xandor said to me, his face covered with shadows. We didn't really have any choice, considering that the black mist was following us. If we went the slow way, we would surely be consumed. I didn't want to argue with him, so I finished the argument, "Look, Xandor, I'm going. You can chop down trees and clear brush if you want to be fog food, but you're on your own." Then I started walking down the forbidden path. It wasn't long until I heard his footsteps pattering toward me.

Narrator's Point of View: _____

Explain your Answer

11. *Battle for the Peaks of Heaven* by Joseph Bearpaw

Little Bear blew the horn. The warriors gathered. Running Coyote was annoyed and said to Little Bear, "Why did you blow the horn, Little Bear. Do you need some instruction on how to hunt for buffalo? The first rule is to not make any loud noises when we are sneaking up on a herd." The other braves laughed heartily. Little Bear ignored him. He had no mind to entertain Running Coyote's derision at this time. "No, Running Coyote, it is about the truce. Some say that there has been an attack on the village." Running Coyote's face sobered. He no longer felt like joking. "Who says this, Little Bear?" Running Coyote asked. Little Bear replied, "The Chief says this."

Narrator's Point of View: _____

Explain your Answer

12. *I Get It from My Father* by Laura Paxton

Vivian brushed her hair and looked into the mirror. She thought her nose was too big and her face was too round. She sighed. Then she heard her mother call up the stairs, "Vivian, it's time for school!" Vivian replied, "Ok, Mom, I'll be right down!" She put down the brush, grabbed her backpack, and trotted down the stairs. She did not want to go to school, but she knew better than to play around on her mama's time. Her mother met her in the vestibule. She ran her fingers through Vivian's hair and said, "You look beautiful, Viv." Vivian put her head down. She did not believe her mother.

Narrator's Point of View: _____

Explain your Answer

13. *Lucky Duck* by Matthew Winters

Wham! Jessie slammed the door shut behind him. He didn't say that he was mad, but from how hard he slammed that door, I'm guessing that he was. Caroline came up to me and asked, "What's wrong with him?" I shrugged my shoulders and threw the cards on the table. "I guess he wanted to win a game," I told her. She crossed her arms and gave me a look of annoyance.

Narrator's Point of View: _____

Explain your Answer

14. *The Dragon's Treasure* by Paul Mayfield

You carefully walk through the dragon's lair, afraid to trigger any traps or disturb any sleeping things. Behind you is a rope bridge leading back the way you came. Ahead of you is a pile of gold and magical treasures larger than you could carry with one hundred horses and one hundred wagons. You grab a single gold coin from the pile and admire it. As you pick up the coin, you hear a snarling noise ahead of you. You drop the coin immediately. If you want to hide in the pile of gold, turn to page 22. If you want to go back the way that you came, turn to page 49. If you want to keep walking toward the noise, turn to page 85.

Narrator's Point of View: _____

Explain your Answer

15. *Paws for Inspection: A Dog Pound Story* by Mark McCormick

Rex walked through the alley toward the street. He stopped by a trashcan and sniffed around it, and then he climbed up on his hind legs and pawed the lid off of the can. The can fell over and the waste spilled out into the alley. Rex began cherry picking the food items. As he was gnawing on a pizza crust a large Rottweiler trotted up to the mess. He began growling at Rex. Rex moved to the perimeter of the spill, but the Rottweiler followed him, growling with more intensity. Rex met eyes with the Rottweiler and instantly they began fighting.

Narrator's Point of View: _____

Explain your Answer