

Observation or Inference???

Can you tell the difference between an observation and an inference? Knowing the difference can help you:

- Understand scientific concepts
- Determine cause and effect relationships
- Become a better reader
- Determine Fact from Opinion

Directions: Read each statement and consider it as it relates to the famous painting below. Then in the box, type Observation if the statement is an observation. Type I if it is an inference. Submit to your teacher when you finish.

- He is cold.
- He is sitting on the ground.
- He is wearing a fur hat.
- He is lonely.
- He is scared.
- He is sitting in a field of grass.
- It is winter time.
- He ran away from home.
- He got lost from his wagon train.
- He lived a long time ago.

Write:

I = inference
O = observation

