

Name _____ **Interpretation of Facts**



My Facts or Your Facts

Directions: Read each paragraph. Then describe how each author uses the same facts differently to support his claim.

A. AUTHOR'S CLAIM: _____

Ostriches are unique to the bird kingdom: they cannot fly, they are bigger than any other bird in the world (up to 9 feet tall), and they have only two toes on each foot; all other birds have three or four toes. About the only things ostriches have in common with other birds are a beak and feathers. They also have a very interesting and quite unbird-like body. With very long legs, a very long neck, a round body, and bigger eyes than any other land animal (their eyes can be as big as two inches in diameter) an ostrich looks like a caricature of itself.

B. AUTHOR'S CLAIM: _____

Ostriches have the largest eyes of any animal in the world. They are 2 inches in diameter, five times larger than the human eye. The ostrich's eye is necessitated by its terrestrial lifestyle—it is one of the only birds in the world that does not fly. The ostrich inhabits the same savanna as predators like cheetahs, lions, leopards and hyenas, and standing up to 9 feet tall, their large eyes allow them an excellent view of what might be making its way through the grassland to have them for lunch. The high number of photoreceptor cells in the ostrich's eye, along with its large lens, gives them phenomenal visual acuity. Their eye is not only larger than that of any other animal, it is also the only animal whose eye is as big as it could possibly be without its vision being distorted. It is truly a masterpiece of nature.

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FACT	HOW IS IT USED?	
	Passage A	Passage B

