**GRADE: 6**

**Are People Happier Living in Uganda or in America?**

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**Part III:** This part consists of a document-based question. On this part, you will be provided with one version of the test based on your readiness to handle critical thinking challenges.

Document Based Question

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● Include historical facts, relevant details, and reason in developing your ideas.

Document #1: 

“Like everyone else, Anna has an invisible bucket. When it’s empty, she feels bad. But when it’s full, she feels great. Didn’t you ever notice your own bucket?” - Grandpa

“The class grew quiet. They laughed at all the right places and “oohed” at the scary parts. When Felix finally read, “The End,” everyone clapped — even Emily, who sat next to him and didn’t usually like dinosaurs. Felix felt a whole shower of drops land in his bucket. Maybe the day wouldn’t be so bad after all.”

1. Based on the document above, what does the grandpa mean when he says, *When it’s empty, she feels bad*?

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2. Based on the above document, what has made Anna feel bad?

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3. Based on this second quote, why did a whole shower of drops land in Felix’s bucket and how did this affect his happiness?

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Document #2: 

“It’s okay to make mistakes sometimes. Everyone does - even grown-ups! That’s how the learn.” -Todd Parr

1. According to the document above, what does the author mean when he says, *“It’s okay to make mistakes sometimes. Everyone does - even grown-ups! That’s how the learn.”*

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 2. Is how you respond to *mistakes* a choice?

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Document#3



<https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2015-04-24/america-ranks-below-israel-world-happiness-index>

1. Based on the document above, which country falls at #13 on the “Happiest Countries” chart?

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1. Based on the document above, where is Uganda on the unhappiest chart?

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3. Based on the source and the information provided, do you think that these charts are credible? Why or why not?

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Document #4

“During the summer of 2016, I traveled to Uganda in order to perform first-hand research on the effects colonialism had on the country's education system as a part of a Summer Fellowship at Ursinus College. I spent one of my final days at Three R's Secondary School in Kasokoso, Uganda. There, I interviewed three teachers – Fredrick Mwesigye, Alphonse Tomas Olupot, and Janssen Mukhozi – about their experiences working in Ugandan schools. One of my questions concerned the differing experiences of boys and girls in the education system; I received an unexpected answer. The men began lamenting the increased emphasis placed on educating female students and blamed these policies for the increased crime rates in the capital of Kampala: without school, the boys were resorting to violent activities for survival and entertainment.”

-Marcella AM McGill

<https://digitalcommons.ursinus.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1005&context=history_hon>

1. Is this an example of a primary or secondary source?

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2. Based on the document above, what reason do the teachers give for the increasing crime rate in Uganda ?

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Document #5





[www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) & [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

1. Are the statements made by Justin Bieber and Lebron James considered fact or their opinion?

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1. Based on the documents above, can these be considered credible? Why or why not?

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Document #6



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# In U.S., Depression Rates Higher for Long-Term Unemployed (https://news.gallup.com/poll/171044/depression-rates-higher-among-long-term-unemployed.aspx)

1. Based on the chart, what contributed to the increase in depression for Americans?

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1. Is this conclusive evidence that people in Uganda are happier than people in America? Why or Why Not

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