

# Ghana

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Nonfiction

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The Republic of Ghana is a great country in West Africa. The word "Ghana" means "Warrior King." The capital of Ghana is Accra.

Ghana is a very strong country. It has many natural resources. It is also very peaceful. Ghana is a great place to live. The people of Ghana are proud of their country.

Ghana has warm weather. So people can farm. It is a very beautiful country. It has beaches. It has mountains. It has many large green fields. The people are very friendly. They wear beautiful clothes.

Almost 23 million people live in Ghana. The area is about 92,000 square miles.

Long ago, Ghana had a very bad problem. People from Europe came and took over the country. They came to get gold. They found a lot of gold. They set up trading posts. They wanted to trade gold, ivory, and slaves. This was a very bad time for Ghana.

The people of Ghana wanted to be free. They wanted their own country. Ghana gained independence from England in 1957. It was the first democratic African country to gain its independence. This was a very exciting time. It was a great change. The problem finally was over.

The leader of the work for independence was named Kwame Nkruma. His idea still is very important. He wanted Pan-Africanism. This is an idea that all of Africa can work together. Then everyone will be stronger. They will make more progress together. Since independence, Ghana has done this. They have worked with other countries in Africa.

Ghana is a member of the United Nations. That is a group of all the countries in the world. A leader from Ghana had a big job. He became a leader of the United Nations. His name is Kofi Annan. He was elected leader of the United Nations in 1997. He was the leader for 10 years.

## Contrast and Evaluate Fact and Opinion – Nonfiction

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*Choose the best answer for each question.*

1. Which of the words in this sentence is an opinion? “The Republic of Ghana is a wonderful country in West Africa.”

- a. Republic
- b. wonderful
- c. country
- d. Africa

3. Which of these sentences shows how the writer feels about something.

- a. The capital of Ghana is Accra.
- b. Ghana has a warm climate.
- c. Long ago, Ghana had a very bad problem.
- d. The people of Ghana wanted to be free.

2. Which sentence has an opinion in it?

- a. Read to learn about this great African country.
- b. Ghana has a warm climate.
- c. It has mountains.
- d. Ghana is a member of the United Nations

4. How do you know if a sentence tells an opinion.

- a. It sounds real.
- b. It tells how the writer feels.
- c. It has adjectives in it.
- d. It tells history.

5. *Write your own answer to this question. Write a sentence from this passage that is an opinion.*

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*How do you know it is an opinion?*

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### TEACHER NOTES: Develop Students’ Skills: Exercise Thinking

These questions have not been validated, so decisions about student’s achievement should not be made based on their responses. They are intended to exercise skills. Recommended activities include: students work in pairs to choose the best response; give students the questions without the responses so they generate their own answers; students make up additional questions; students make up questions like these for another passage.

**Answers:** *You can remove this answer key and then give it to students and ask them to figure out the basis for the correct response.*

Item	1	2	3	4
Answer	b	a	c	b

Question 5 is open-ended. Here is a suggested response. Students should identify a statement that is an opinion.