

LITERATURE UPDATE

Volcano!

This science article introduces a scientist who studies volcanoes. It explains the structure of a volcano, the nature of lava and where on Earth volcanoes can be found.

Fleeing Katrina

In this journal, author Samantha Perez describes her life before Hurricane Katrina and how a treasured possession helped her start over in a new town.

Earthquake

Set during the 1906 earthquake in San Francisco, this historical fiction story tells the story of a family struggling to reach safety.

Natural Forces

We are reading about the many forces of nature such as hurricanes, volcanoes, and earthquakes. We are learning the differences between facts and opinions. We are also learning the following skills, all of which help us become better readers and writers.

Unit 3 Skills Focus

- Vocabulary:** Use Word Parts
- Reading:** Make Connections
- Literary Analysis:** Cause and Effect; Fact and Opinion; Setting and Character; Compare How Information Is Presented
- Grammar:** Subject Pronouns
- Writing:** Narrative Writing; Friendly Letter

MAKE CONNECTIONS

Work with a family member to discuss facts and opinions.

1. At home, search through your local newspaper to find three facts.
2. Write each fact in the first column. Then turn each fact into an opinion.

Fact	Opinion
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

3. Read your facts and opinions together.
4. Bring your chart to school and share it with your class.