Fact or Opinion?

Identify each as a fact or an opinion. Which words or ideas helped you decide? Write your own for the last two sentences and ask a friend to identify them as facts or opinions.

- 1. About 300 people liberated from the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp returned Tuesday to retell memories of the place where more than 1 million Jews were exterminated by the Nazis.
- 2. "We are in the place where our civilization collapsed, where the plan to deprive man of dignity was systematically executed, where human beings were reduced to a tattooed number", said Polish President Bronislaw Komorow.
- 3. More than a million people passed through that gate to their deaths during World War II.
- 4. "Today, people do not really understand what was Auschwitz and that the evil continues." Halina Birenbaum, inmate number 48693 (taken to Auschwitz at age 14)
- 5. Once again, young Jewish boys are afraid to wear yarmulkes on the streets of Paris and Budapest and London. Once again, Jewish businesses are targeted. And once again, Jewish families are fleeing from Europe.
- 6. "Eleven million people, including 6 million Jews and 1.5 million children were not lost or misplaced. These children were murdered, as were the generations that would have followed them." Roman Kent, Holocaust survivor.
- 7. The problem with teaching new generations about the Holocaust is that they have no way of fathoming the horror that occurred because it is incomprehensible to the civilized human heart.
- 8. The Holocaust can never happen again because people today are too smart to allow that kind of genocide.

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