

## FACT OPINION WORKSHEET

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Article: \_\_\_\_\_

Media Channel: \_\_\_\_\_

A **fact** is something that can be proved or shown to be true. An **opinion** is a thought or belief about something. Words like “think”, “feel”, “perhaps” and “believe” commonly indicate that the ideas that follow are opinions. However, beliefs are often stated as if they are facts. As you read your assigned article, identify four statements of fact and 4 statements which are opinions and fill them in on the chart below.

| FACT | OPINION |
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Who is the intended audience for this piece?

What are the strengths and weaknesses of this media channel used?

### Community Tactics for Social Change

For the primary source you are studying, fill in examples of the kinds of tactics used by the community to support the struggle to save Chinatown and the purposes of the tactics utilized.

| Tactic Used by the Community | Purpose |
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**News Article Analysis Worksheet**  
(modified from <http://www.hartnet.org/chow/integrate/aworksheet.htm> and  
<http://www.pbs.org/now/classroom/acrobat/lesson05.pdf>)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of article:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Issue:** What issue is being addressed in this article? When did it occur?

**2. Comprehensiveness of Information**

**A. The 5 "W's" and "H"**

1. Who?

2. What?

3. Where?

4. When?

5. Why?

6. How?

**B. Were all the 5 "W's" and "H" answered?** \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Of all the 5 "W's" and "H", put a star next to the one you think is the most important. Tell why in the space below.**

**3. Facts in a story are supposed to be arranged from most to least important. Do you**

**believe the author of your article did this effectively? Why or why not?**

**6. Reliability of Sources: Discuss the accuracy of the facts used in the piece. How do you know that the sources used were reliable and accurate? Are there facts presented that you think may not be accurate? Why?**

**7. Bias: Did the author display any bias in writing the piece you read? If so, what? What evidence from the document supports your answer?**

**8. Personal Reaction: What do you think of this article? (write at least three full sentences)**