

Name _____ Date _____

Fact or Fiction?

1. **Complete the chart:** The sketches in *Made in Indiana* show information about structures in our state. Is all the information factual? In the chart below, list two facts you can learn from each sketch. Then list at least one detail that is fiction or fantasy.

	Facts	Fiction
Hamer's Mill, <i>page 1</i>	1. 2.	
The Steel Works, <i>page 9</i>	1. 2.	
Markland Dam, <i>page 10</i>	1. 2.	
Littleton Barn, <i>page 19</i>	1. 2.	
Angela Athletic Facility, <i>page 24</i>	1. 2.	

2. **Draw Conclusions:** What is the purpose of *Made in Indiana*? Is it to inform you? Is it to give you some coloring to do? Is it to entertain you or make you laugh? Is there more than one purpose? Discuss your ideas with a partner.

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Objectives

- To develop an overview of the contents and purpose of the sketchbook *Made in Indiana*
- To distinguish fact from fiction in information resources (Grade 4 Social Studies Academic Standard 4.1.14)
- To respond orally to relevant questions with appropriate elaboration (Grade 4 Language Arts Academic Standard 4.7.1)

Teaching the Lesson

- Make one copy of the black line master "Fact or Fiction?" for each student.
- Talk briefly with students about their impressions of the sketchbook.
- Turn the discussion to the purpose of the book. Ask leading questions such as, "Aren't you too old for a coloring book?" "What else is in this book?" "Why would the authors give you a chance to color?" "What else do the authors want you to do?"
- Distribute the black line master, read the directions with students, and tell students that they may find facts both by looking at the illustrations and by reading the text. They will find the fiction in the illustrations. Have students complete the activity on their own or in pairs.
- Discuss responses to the chart as a class. Note how much factual information is supplied about each structure.
- Call for volunteers to sum up some of the types or categories of information they can learn from *Made in Indiana* (such as dates, names, locations, building materials, and purposes).

Possible Answers to the Student Activity Page

Hamer's Mill: Facts include that the mill is situated on a stream; that it has a water wheel that is turned by the stream; and that there is an outbuilding. The fiction is the dinosaur-like creature near the entrance to the mill.

The Steel Works: Facts include that the steel works makes steel through a process that includes melting ore; that the steel works is in Gary; and that large areas and enormous equipment are required for this process. The fiction is the elves seated on the crossbeam.

Markland Dam: Facts include that the dam is on the Ohio River; that it is made from limestone; and that there is a building on its upper level. The fiction is the pirate boat and pirate on the river next to the dam.

Littleton Barn: Facts include that the barn is made of wood, that it is circular, and that barns like it are disappearing. Two forms of fiction are the floating cows and the complete barn inside the partial view of the barn.

Angela Athletic Facility: Facts include that the gym has a basketball hoop, that the roof lets light in, and that it is part of St. Mary's College. The fiction is that someone in those clothes and shoes probably cannot jump that high or might not be playing basketball dressed that way.

Extension/Enrichment

In this lesson, students have not only begun to gain an overview of *Made in Indiana*, but they have also begun to explore the authors' and artist's purposes. For enrichment, students might answer the following questions:

- Is the purpose of the book to show you all one type of building? If not, what is the purpose of the book?
- Is the purpose of the book to show you all one time period? If not, what is the purpose of the book?
- Is the purpose of each illustration to show you the most complete look possible at all these structures? If not, what is the purpose of each illustration?

Have students write their answers. Also ask them to name at least three illustrations from the sketchbook that support each answer.