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1. Identify fact and opinion. Identify each sentence as either fact or opinion using the line numbers on the left hand side of the page as a guide.

Fact: _____

Opinion: _____

2. Internal Check: Are there any contradictions within this letter? _____ If so, where?

Does this document contradict itself? _____

Do any of the facts in this document (internal) contradict other facts in the document?

When was the letter dated? _____ Where was Albert when he wrote the letter? _____

Where was he on May 2, 1787? _____

Could he have been where he claims on May 2 AND May 3, 1787? _____

3. External Check: Identify the facts in the letter you could check against other outside or external sources.

Which five facts could you check or corroborate using other sources to determine the truthfulness of this letter? _____

What other sources could you use to corroborate this document? _____

The author of the letter claims that Americans held the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia during the spring of 1787. Is that true? _____ Can you check this with an "outside" or external source? _____ What outside or external source could you use? _____

Or, the author claims that Madison was 36 years old in 1787. Is that true? _____

Can you check this with an "outside" or external source? _____ What outside or external source could you use? _____

4. Explain why you trust this letter or why you don't. _____

5. Would you use this as evidence or a source? Explain your thinking. _____