Facts, Opinions, Reasoned Judgment

1. Go to the following website to review facts, opinions, and reasoned judgements:
   http://mcekc.edu/longview/CTAC/opinion.htm

2. Read this passage from the short story “Why I Live at the P.O.” by Eudora Welty.

   I was getting along fine with Mama, Papa-Daddy and Uncle Rondo until my sister Stella-Rondo just
   separated from her husband and came back home again. Mr. Whitaker! Of course I went with Mr. Whitaker
   first, when he first appeared here in China Grove, taking "Pose Yourself" photos, and Stella-Rondo broke us
   up. Told him I was one-sided. Bigger on one side than the other, which is a deliberate, calculated falsehood:
   I’m the same. Stella-Rondo is exactly twelve months to the day younger than I am and for that reason she's
   spoiled.

   She's always had anything in the world she wanted and then she'd throw it away. Papa-Daddy gave her this
   gorgeous Add-a-Pearl necklace when she was eight years old and she threw it away playing baseball when
   she was nine, with only two pearls.

   So as soon as she got married and moved away from home the first thing she did was separate! From Mr.
   Whitaker! This photographer with the popeyes she said she trusted. Came home from one of those towns up
   in Illinois and to our complete surprise brought this child of two.

   Mama said she like to made her drop dead for a second. "Here you had this marvelous blonde child and
   never so much as wrote your mother a word about it," says Mama. "I'm thoroughly ashamed of you." But of
   course she wasn't.

3. Answer the following questions:

   a. What are some facts from this passage?

   b. What are some opinions?

   c. What attempts does the speaker make toward reasoned judgements? Does she succeed? Why or Why
      not?