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1. What is best definition of the word propaganda?
2. Propaganda is descriptive language, such as imagery, simile, and metaphor.
3. Propaganda is written language that uses pronouns and adjectives effectively.
4. Propaganda is language that tries to persuade people to act without thinking carefully.
5. Propaganda is language an author uses to express his/her viewpoint on a subject.

**Read these two newspaper articles from the *Renville Daily News* and thenanswer question 2.**

**“Renville’s Art Scene Booming”**

In a city report released today, the Cultural Commission announced that Renville’s art scene is booming. Commission chairwoman Maisie Jones told reporters, “Six years ago our city had just one art gallery and a small theater company. Today, Renville is buzzing with creative activity.” Renville is now home to more than two dozen arts-related organizations, including dance groups, a slam poetry project, art galleries, three theater companies, and even a mime troupe.   
 Not everyone is happy with the change, however. One resident complained, “There are some coffee shops. I simply don’t go to anymore because the art and poetry has taken over. And don’t even get me started on the mimes!”

**“New Play a Delight”**

Last night I saw the Renville Community Theater’s new play, “Apples for Anna.” It was delightful evening of entertainment. Playwright Jonah Gould has created witty dialogue and engaging characters. In the leading role of Anna, actress Keisha Jefferson proves that she has great comic timing. I was also impressed by the colorful, creative sets designed by Ichiro Tanaka. In short, my recommendation to theater goers is to buy your tickets now for “Apples for Anna.” The light-hearted comedy is sure to be a hit for this exciting local theater company.

1. Which of the articles provides the most reliable information?
2. “Renville’s Art Scene is Booming” is most reliable because it provides two first-hand accounts about the issue.
3. “Renville’s Art Scene is Booming” is most reliable because it lists the dozens of art related organizations.
4. “New Play a Delight” is most reliable because the author uses a lot of descriptive words such as “colorful, creative sets.”
5. “New Play a Delight” is most reliable because the author offers his/her opinion such as “it was a delightful evening of entertainment.”