

# AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

Authors write for many reasons. Sometimes they write stories to **entertain** readers. They may write to **persuade** readers or to try to get readers to do something. Other times, authors write to teach or **inform** about a topic.

When you read text, ask yourself what is the author's purpose?

- *Entertain*
- *Persuade*
- *Inform*

## Author's Purpose Checklist

- | Yes                      | No                       |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you think the characters in the story are real?                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you learn facts from the story?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the author teach you something?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the author tried to persuade you about something?                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the story have interesting characters that makes you want to learn more about them? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the author make the characters enjoyable?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the author help explain or make things easier to understand?                        |

1. What is the author's purpose in this story?

- to entertain       to persuade       to inform

2. What clues in the story helps you decide what the author's purpose is?

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