

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	
<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?
