

Author's Purpose



This handout is packed with everything you need to teach Author's Purpose with clarity and engagement. Inside, you'll find links to three free resources:

- (1) a Boom Learning deck with 31 interactive cards—each card presents an example and asks students to select the correct purpose (inform, entertain, share feelings, or persuade)
- (2) a full Author's Purpose lesson available on Teachers Pay Teachers, which includes vocabulary cards for a word wall, two foldable graphic organizers, three sets of response cards, oral and written practice, plus a detailed writing project complete with samples, handouts, and student examples
- (3) a massive 138-slide PowerPoint that walks students step-by-step through the TPT Author's Purpose Lesson, ideal for introducing concepts or reinforcing skills visually.

Whether you're just getting started or want a more polished teaching approach, this handout pulls it all together.

Get the **Free Author's Purpose Boom Learning Deck** here.

Author's Purpose
Upper Elementary
Reading Study

What is the author's purpose for a step by step recipe?

31
BOOM
CARDS

Share Feelings
Entertain
Inform
Persuade

Free
Understanding
Why Authors Write

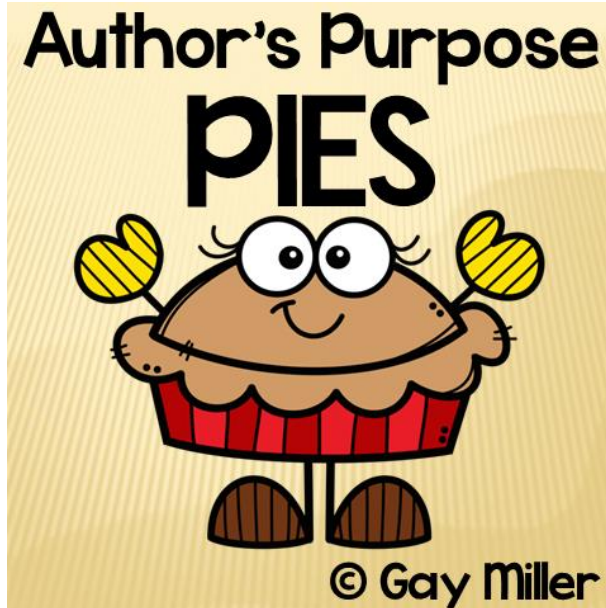
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What is the author's purpose for a post card from your friend from Hawaii?



Share Feelings
Inform
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Entertain

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Persuade

This means to try to convince someone to think the same way you do. If readers changed the way they thought about a topic or issue, one of the author's purposes may have been to do this.

advertisements, newspaper editorials, junk mail, posters, campaign speeches, bumper stickers, billboards, commercials

Describe means to paint a picture in the reader's mind with words. Imagery is used to tell how something smells, tastes, sounds, feels, and looks.

travel brochure, wanted posters, most novels contain this type of passage



Report is an account prepared for others, especially one that is obtained through investigation.

Persuade means to try to convince someone to think the same way you do. If readers changed the way they thought about a topic or issue, one of the author's purposes may have been to persuade.

advertisements, newspaper editorials, junk mail, posters, speeches, bumper stickers, billboards, commercials



Sharing experiences means to tell others about something that has happened to you or someone you know.

Inform means to give someone information about something. If students learn while they are reading, one of the author's purposes may have been to inform.

encyclopedias, school newsletters, instructions, pamphlets from health clinics, maps, timelines, schedules, charts, graphs



When you communicate your thoughts, opinions, or information through writing, or signs.

Entertain means to amuse someone. If readers enjoyed what they read, one of the author's purposes may have been to entertain.

fictional stories, comics, poems, jokes, riddles



Share feelings means to tell the reader what you are thinking. Personal thoughts are told.

journals, diaries, letters



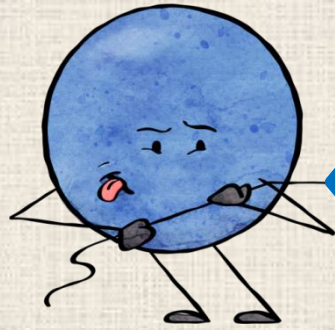
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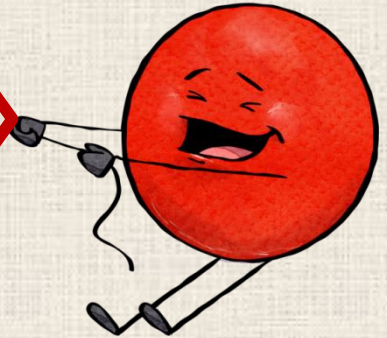




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