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Main idea details and author's purpose answers

The author's purpose is his or her reason for writing a text, paragraph, or line. There are many reasons why people write paragraphs or lines, but when we look at why people write texts, there are three main reasons. These are to entertain, persuade and inform. Examples of text written to entertain are stories, poems, and dramas. Examples of texts written to convince include essays and advertisements. And examples of texts written to inform include encyclopedia entries and textbooks. It is important to note that the study of the author's purpose is not so much a science as it is an art. In other words, the author's purpose may be to inform and persuade in certain cases, or to maintain and inform. In the following worksheet, I've tried to include only clear examples. You may want to discuss the more ambiguous ones in your classroom, however. It can make for a big discussion. Click here to read more about the author's purpose and watch an information video. CCSS. ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.6 – Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text. CCSS. ELA-Literacy.CCRA.W.4 – Produce clear and coherent writing where development, organization and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. CCSS. ELA-Literacy.CCRA.SL.4 – Present information, results, and supporting evidence so that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and organization, development, and style appropriate for task, purpose, and audience. Expand to view all common basic government standards related to the author's purpose CCSS. ELA-Literacy.RI.2.6 – Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to respond to, explain, or describe. CCSS. ELA-Literacy.RI.6.6 – Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text. CCSS. ELA-Literacy.RI.7.6 – Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of others. CCSS. ELA-Literacy.RI.8.6 – Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or comments. CCSS. ELA-Literacy.RI.9-10.6 – Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance the point of view or purpose. CCSS. ELA-Literacy.RI.11-12.6 – Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text where the rhetoric is particularly effective, analyzing how style and content contribute to the power, persuasion or beauty of the text. View Source Common Core Lesson and Unit Plans Understanding common basic government standards It's hard to start if you don't know why you're writing. Looking for more reading suggestions? Worksheet with point of view Text texture worksheet All worksheets for reading