

Author's Purpose & Point of View

Name: _____ Date: _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

The student will identify an author's purpose (to persuade, inform, or entertain) and describe the author's point of view.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- 3 different short texts (a news article, an advertisement or flyer, and a story or blog post)
- Notebook paper
- Pencil
- Colored pencils

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. Collect or print three short texts: one meant mainly to inform, one to persuade, and one to entertain.
2. For each text, write its title at the top of a section of paper.
3. Underneath each title, write the author's main purpose (persuade, inform, or entertain) and list two pieces of evidence from the text that prove that purpose.
4. Draw a simple 3-column chart comparing the tone, word choice, and purpose of all three texts side by side.
5. Circle the text you found most convincing or interesting and write one sentence explaining why.

QUESTIONS

1. What was the author's purpose in each of your three texts, and what evidence supports each answer?

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2. Choose one text and describe the author's point of view or attitude toward the subject.

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3. How does word choice change depending on the author's purpose?
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4. Can a single text have more than one purpose? Give an example from your own texts.
