

Author's Purpose

"PIE"

Learn more about this topic! Each section gives more detail on one of the lyrics from the song. Read each section, and then respond by answering the question or taking notes on key ideas.

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An author's purpose can be explained through P.I.E.

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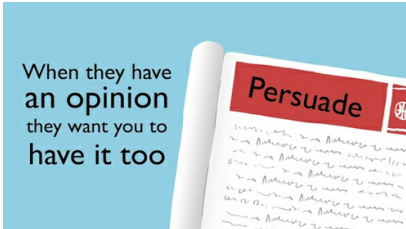
A purpose is a reason for doing something. So an **author's purpose** is the author's reason for writing something. The author's purpose could be to persuade you. This means that the author is trying to convince you of something. An author can also try to inform you or entertain you. When you're trying to decide what the author's purpose is, you should use evidence from the text, like words and phrases.

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To inform is to give information to others

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When authors inform you of something, they give you information or teach you to do or make something. How can you tell if a text was written mainly to inform? Here's a hint: the author will stick mostly to facts.

3. 

To figure out the author's purpose, it's important to know the difference between facts and opinions. A fact is something that's always true. A fact can be proven. An opinion is someone's feeling or belief that can't be proven. People can agree or

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disagree with opinions. Words like "think," "believe," "feel," "best," "worst" and "must" are all clues that an author is sharing an opinion. If the author gives an opinion in a text, their purpose might be to persuade.

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Pieces that persuade often inform too



Writing that persuades, or tries to convince, can also inform. This is because authors sometimes use facts to support their opinions.

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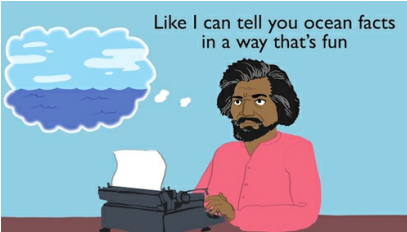
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How can you tell if an author's purpose is to entertain? The author might use funny, silly or imaginary details. The text might also include elements of a story, like characters, setting and plot.

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A text can have more than one purpose. For example, a funny TV commercial might persuade you to buy something and entertain you, too.

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