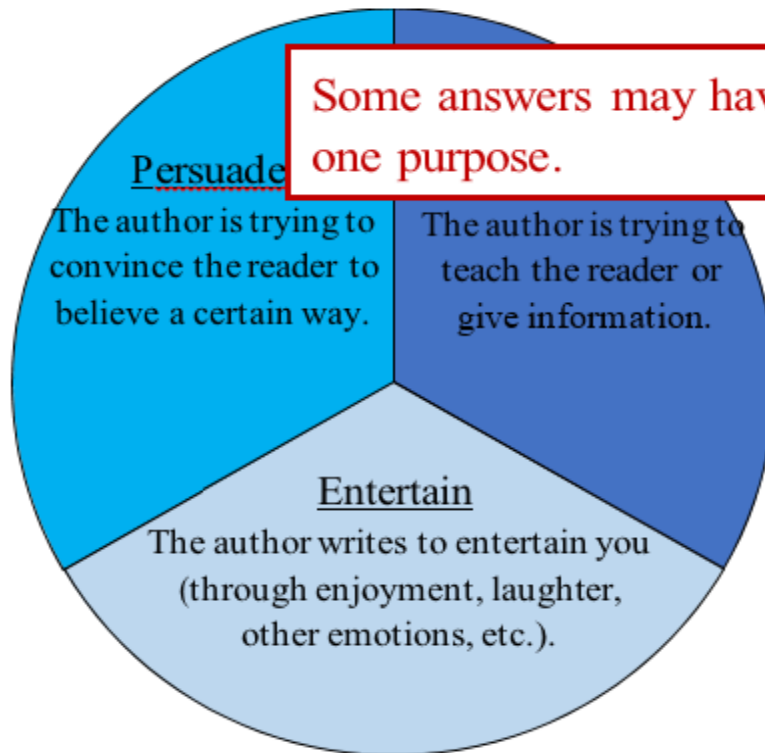




### Author's Purpose – Why does an author write?



Some answers may have more than one purpose.

#### Directions:

Read each description, and decide what the author's purpose is. (persuade, inform or entertain)

1. A pamphlet explaining how to clean a rifle safely.

Author's

Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_ inform \_\_\_\_\_

2. The lyrics to Pharrell Williams' song, "Happy."

Author's

Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_ entertain \_\_\_\_\_

3. Directions on how to get to the school written by your friend.

Author's

Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_ inform \_\_\_\_\_

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# LITERACY WORKSHEET

## ANSWER KEY

4. A letter from a student to his teacher giving reasons why he should be allowed to hand in an assignment late.

Author's

Purpose: persuade

5. The ingredients listed on a box of cereal.

Author's |

Purpose: inform

6. A children's story about a young Cree girl getting ready for Goose Break.

Author's Purpose: entertain / inform

7. The script to a play about a group of teens who overcome bullying in their classroom.

Author's Purpose: entertain / inform / persuade

8. A novel about the adventures of 2 boys who go hunting for the first time.

Author's Purpose: entertain / inform

9. A list of job descriptions detailing their good traits, provided to students during an assembly about staying in school.

Author's Purpose: inform / persuade

### Discussion / Speaking Activity:

With your teacher, an older sibling, or adult go through the activity you just completed and choose 2-3 that you can discuss. Explain why you chose (persuade, inform, or entertain)



Discussion responses will vary.

