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Reading Comprehension Notes

Topic: Author's Purpose- Why Authors Write?



An author is a person who writes stories.

Authors write for **many reasons or purposes**.

The author's purpose is the writer's intent (or purpose) for writing something.

When you read a text (story or paragraph), **ALWAYS** ask yourself :

Why did the author write this?

Use the word **P – I – E** to help you remember why or give you the reasons why authors write.

REMEMBER: The author's purpose is as easy as PIE.

P - Persuade- The author tries to convince or make the reader to believe and think in a certain way.

E.g. advertisements, newspaper, editorials, junk mail, posters

I - Inform- The author is writing to give information about something.

E.g. news reports, research papers, encyclopedias, school news letters, instructions, maps, timelines, schedules, charts, graphs

E - Entertain- means to amuse someone. The author writes to give the reader laughter and enjoyment.

E.g. plays, poems, fictional stories, riddles, jokes, or even comic strips.

E – Explain- The author writes to tell the reader how to do something or tell about how something works. It gives a method or a process.

E.g. instructions, step-by-step guides, procedural outlines, and recipes.



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