

Name _____

Date _____

Author's Purpose

An author writes for one of three reasons:

☆ To entertain ☆ To inform (teach) ☆ To persuade (convince) ☆ To express ideas or feelings

Direction: Read the description or example and determine the author's purpose: to entertain, to persuade, to inform, or to express. Then, explain your answer.

1. Mrs. Wilburn writes a note to Sadie's teacher explaining why Sadie was absent the past two days.

Author's Purpose: _____

2. A woman wrote all of her experiences living in a foreign country, how she fell in love with a wonderful man, and how much she misses him.

Author's Purpose: _____

3. A story about a magical horse that could fly. When someone rode this horse, their dreams and wishes come true.

Author's Purpose: _____

4. A chapter in a science book explaining how blood circulates through the body.

Author's Purpose: _____

5. An advertisement for a new washing machine that will wash up to 15 pairs of jeans or up to 20 towels in one load. The washer will save you time and money!

Author's Purpose: _____



PERSUADE

Convinces you to think or do something

EXPRESS

Expresses feelings or emotions

INFORM

Gives information

ENTERTAIN

Amuses or interests you