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AUTHOR'S PURPOSE: Task Cards

Authors have three main purposes for writing:

PERSUADE - the author wants you to believe or do something.

INFORM - the author wants to tell or teach you something.

ENTERTAIN - the author wants to tell a story that you will enjoy.

*Remember the word **PIE**!

It is a trick to remember the three main reasons why authors write a piece of text.

Directions: Read the passages and answer the question on your answer document.

1 Halloween is the best holiday of the year! Everyone should go out and get a costume. If you can't find one to buy, make one. Halloween is better than the other holidays because you get to trick-or-treat with your friends.

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2 Sarita was excited to get out of the car. She had been waiting for today for weeks and it was finally here. She skipped as she went up the walkway to the house, and her mom opened the door. Suddenly, everyone shouted, "Surprise!"

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3 Have you seen the dancing show on tv? It is very entertaining. You should watch it because you will see new dance moves. You will like the music, too. Sometimes I like to get up and dance while the show is on. The show is really good and you will enjoy it!

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4 The United States has five branches of the military. The Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Marines are the five branches. Each branch serves an important role for the country. The country relies on the people who serve in order to protect freedom.

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5 Birthdays are celebrated around the world. In the United States, people celebrate with cake and candles. Many other places celebrate with singing songs. In Mexico, a birthday is celebrated with a piñata filled with candy. A person uses a broomstick to hit the piñata. Each of these birthday traditions is a fun celebration!

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6 Rio and Marcus sat in the backseat of the car as their dad drove. The car traveled quickly on the highway and it seemed like they had been in the car for hours. Suddenly, their dad started singing loudly and dancing. He turned the music up and the boys cracked up. They laughed so hard and their faces turned bright red.

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7 Smoking is a bad habit. Smoking costs Americans thousands of dollars a year. It also causes major health problems. There are over 4,800 chemicals found in one cigarette. Smoking is a habit that people can choose to quit, but it takes a lot of effort.

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8 Hurry! This house will not be available for long. It has four huge bedrooms, a beautiful kitchen, and an awesome playroom. The best part of this house is that there is a pool in the backyard. Did I mention that the backyard is massive, too? Hurry! Buy it before someone else does!

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