

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!

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**PERSUADE**

Convinces you to think or  
do something

**EXPRESS**

Expresses feelings or  
emotions

**INFORM**

Gives information

**ENTERTAIN**

Amuses or interests you