

AUTHOR'S PURPOSE IN NONFICTION

Explain the author's purpose and message within a text

AUTHOR'S PURPOSE VERBS

	EXPLAIN	INFORM	
DESCRIBE	SHOW		EMPHASIZE
TELL		COMPARE	SHARE
SUGGEST	CONVINCE		ENCOURAGE

Think about the BIG Ideas in your Nonfiction reading. Use the following questions to jot your answers after you read.

Why did the author most likely want to share these ideas?	How is their reason for writing similar to or different from other things you've read about this same topic?	How did the author's purpose change across sections of the text?

Use these sentence starters if you are unsure of how to respond:

"When the author says __, he means ____.

This makes me think or feel ____.

I can tell the author wants me to know or think ____."

EXTENSION

What other questions does reading this text make you wonder about?	
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