

Category 2: Author Purpose and Perspective

What is it?	Questions to Expect
<p>The AUTHOR'S PURPOSE is the <u>reason that the author chose to write the passage</u>. When discussing author's purpose we usually use verbs such as persuade, entertain, or inform, or some combination of these.</p> <p>The AUTHORS PERSECTIVE is <u>how an author feels about the topic he or she is writing about</u>.</p>	<p>What is the author's perspective in this article? (author's point of view)</p> <p>What does the author use to get her point across? (author's point of view)</p> <p>In the author's opinion, what should be done to: _____? (author's perspective)</p> <p>What does the _____ represent in this selection? (author's perspective)</p> <p>Why does the speaker in the poem _____? (author's purpose)</p>
Why Is It Important?	
<p><i>If you know how to figure out author's purpose you will be able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize bias and decide whether a source of information can be trusted. • Understand why an author says things in a specific way or includes some facts and not others. 	<p>What is the author's purpose in this article? (author's purpose)</p> <p>With which statement listed below would the author of this article most likely agree? (author's perspective)</p> <p>Which statement BEST describes the author's attitude toward _____? (author's perspective)</p>
Sample Questions for Different Genres:	
<p>Poetry: The author wants the reader to think _____. (The multiple-choice answers will offer possible endings to this sentence.)</p>	
<p>Fiction: Which statement best describes what the author probably thinks about drinking and driving?</p>	
<p>Non-Fiction: What is the author's purpose for saying, "I never thought it could happen to me either?"</p>	