

Authors Purpose

- All writing has a purpose!
- The reason the selection is written

To inform

- The reader learns something
- Selection contains facts and details
- Nonfiction text is for the purpose of inform or learning

To influence/persuade

- Author wants to persuade the reader to believe something
- Contains facts and the authors opinion
- Usually the selections are nonfiction and appeal to reader's emotions

To express

- Selection is written to give step-by-step directions or instructions
- Usually nonfiction

To entertain

- Selection is written to entertain the reader
- Usually fiction

