

Author's Purpose

Authors write for different reasons. An author writing to **persuade** takes a position on a subject and tries to convince the reader to think, do, or believe something. An author writing to **inform** gives factual information about something. An author writing to **entertain** appeals to the readers senses and/or emotions.

DIRECTIONS: Determine the purpose of each of the following:

A inform B persuade C entertain



- _____ 1. A mystery novel.
- _____ 2. A book about why people need a college degree.
- _____ 3. The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
- _____ 4. An article about how to grow tomatoes.
- _____ 5. The novelization of a hit movie.
- _____ 6. A book of funny essays about teaching high school
- _____ 7. A memoir written by a famous actress.
- _____ 8. A biography of Mother Teresa.
- _____ 9. A book claiming that America is overmedicated.