

Reading Skill

UNDERSTAND AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

An author creates a work to achieve a particular **purpose**. Usually, that purpose is to inform, to express thoughts and feelings, to persuade, or to entertain. A complex work often fulfills more than one purpose.

Directions: As you read the selection, answer the questions in the first column of the chart. Identify passages from the story that support each of your responses.

Question	Answer
1. Does the story make you laugh?	
2. Does it contain a lesson about life?	
3. Does it convince you of a particular viewpoint?	
4. Does it move you emotionally?	

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