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When an author writes a nonfiction text, they write for a specific reason, or **main purpose**.

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answer a question

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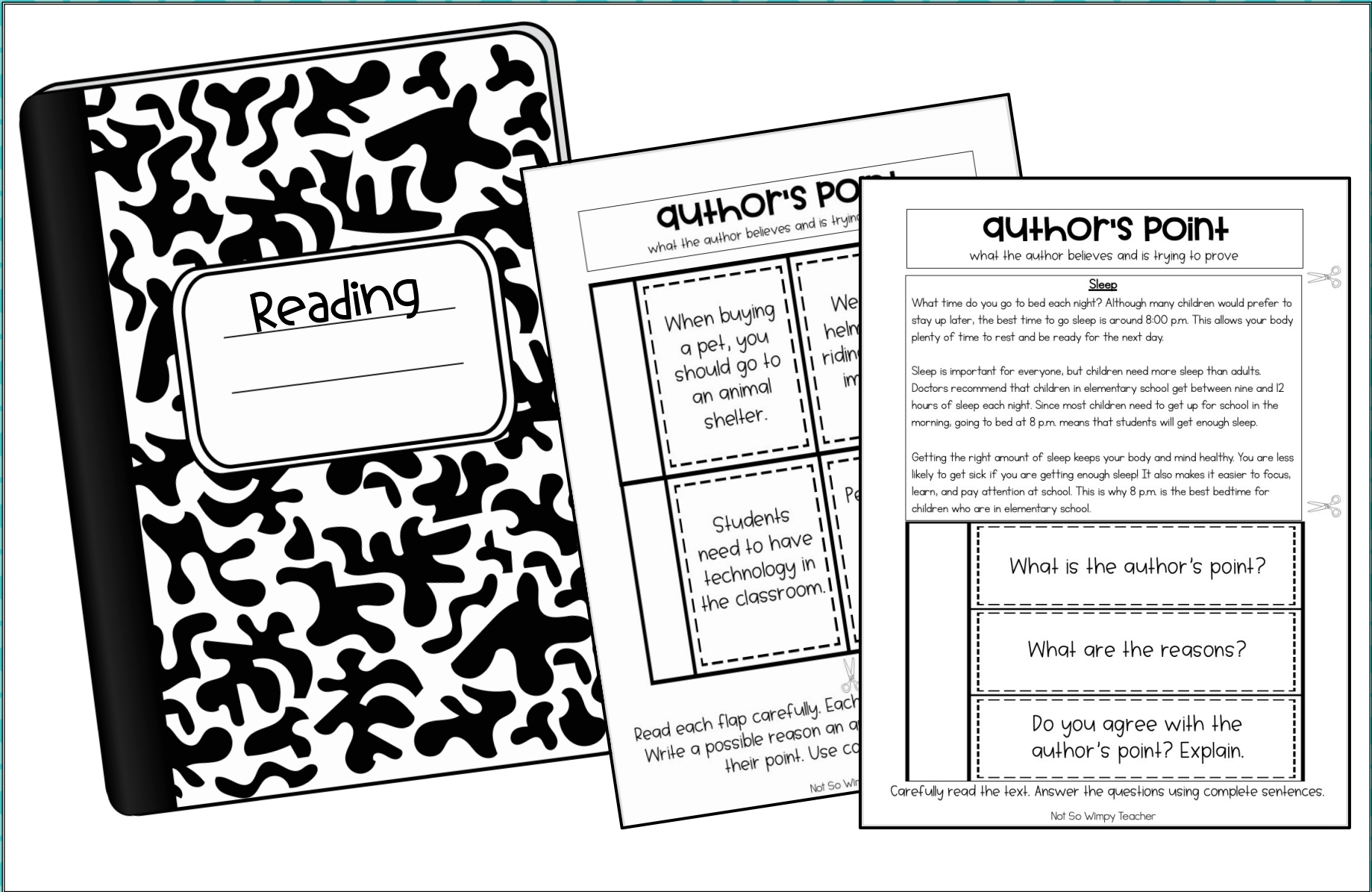
describe something

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explain something

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PowerPoint to Introduce the Skill



Reading

author's point

what the author believes and is trying to prove

When buying a pet, you should go to an animal shelter.

Students need to have technology in the classroom.

Read each flap carefully. Each Write a possible reason an their point. Use co

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Sleep

What time do you go to bed each night? Although many children would prefer to stay up later, the best time to go sleep is around 8:00 p.m. This allows your body plenty of time to rest and be ready for the next day.

Sleep is important for everyone, but children need more sleep than adults. Doctors recommend that children in elementary school get between nine and 12 hours of sleep each night. Since most children need to get up for school in the morning, going to bed at 8 p.m. means that students will get enough sleep.

Getting the right amount of sleep keeps your body and mind healthy. You are less likely to get sick if you are getting enough sleep! It also makes it easier to focus, learn, and pay attention at school. This is why 8 p.m. is the best bedtime for children who are in elementary school.

What is the author's point?

What are the reasons?

Do you agree with the author's point? Explain.

Carefully read the text. Answer the questions using complete sentences.

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2 Interactive Notebook Activities

Nonfiction AUTHOR'S POINT



CENTER ONE

Carefully read the passage. In your recording book, write the author's point and reasons.



CENTER TWO

Match the author's point with the reasons. Each point has two reasons. Write your answer in the recording book. Circle if you agree or not with the author's point.



CENTER THREE

Read each card, and write what the author's point of view or reason is. Write your answer in your recording book.



CENTER FOUR

Read the passage in your recording book carefully. Read the questions, and underline the answers in the



CENTER FIVE

- Choose a nonfiction book, passage, or article, and carefully read the text. Write the answer to the questions on the card in your recording book. Check your work.
- Read a new text, and answer the same questions for the second text.



5 Centers with a Recording Book

1 AUTHOR'S POINT

CENTER ONE



Using Less Water

The earth is covered with water, so it would be easy to think that we don't need to worry about using less! However, most of the water on the earth is salt water. This means that people can't drink it or use it to grow plants or food. This is why we should use less water and be careful not to waste any.

Using less water is good for the earth. Before water comes out of the faucet in a kitchen sink, it has to get to the kitchen first! It takes a lot of resources and energy to take water from its source, clean it, and deliver it to homes, farms, and businesses that need it. Using less water means that we also use less energy and resources!

People need to drink water to live, but it keeps us safe and healthy in other ways, too. Firemen use water to put out fires. Hospitals need water for patients to drink and also to keep the buildings, sheets, and tools clean. Schools and restaurants need water, too.



Taking simple steps to use less water will make a big difference to our communities and the planet!

Reasons:

2 AUTHOR'S POINT MATCH

CENTER TWO



Reasons	Do you agree?
It gets all the germs off from the daytime and nighttime. 	Yes
We need to brush our teeth twice a day.	No
Cats make better pets than dogs.	No
Homework could be done at school instead of home. 	No

3 AUTHOR'S POINT

CENTER THREE



Eating Your Vegetables

It's really important to eat your vegetables! Vegetables are full of vitamins and minerals. They give us the nutrients our bodies need to grow big and strong. Eating vegetables every day helps lower your risk of getting diseases. They also taste delicious!



Paper vs. Plastic Straws

We should use paper straws instead of plastic straws. Paper straws naturally break down in a few weeks. This means that paper straws won't end up polluting our oceans. Plastic straws take 200 years to break down. They often end up in oceans and harm the wildlife.



5 What is the author's point?

4 COLOR THE ANSWERS

Planet Earth

Scientists are looking at ways to send people to Mars. Earth is the best planet that is needed for

CENTER FOUR



from the Sun, which means that our temperatures are perfect for planets

What is the title?
Underline the answer in red.

Find another reason that supports the author's point.
Underline the answer in orange.

What is one reason that supports the author's point?
Underline the answers in green.

50 READING RESPONSE

Text: _____

Author's Point: _____

Reason 1: _____

Reason 2: _____

CENTER FIVE

a. Choose a nonfiction book, passage, or article, and carefully read the text. Write the answer to the questions on the card in your recording book. Check your work.

b. Read a new text, and answer the questions on the second card.

What is the author's main point?

List two reasons that support their main point.

CHECKING MY WORK

- I completely answered the question.
- I restated part of the question in my answer.
- I used evidence from the text to prove my answer.
- I edited my work for spelling and punctuation.



Dog Training

Author's Point

Puppies and dogs are so adorable! Bringing a new puppy home is a great addition to people's homes. Puppies and dogs need lots of love and attention. They also need rules just like students and teachers have rules in the classroom that are long, healthy, successful. It is important to train dogs for several reasons.

First of all, it is important to train dogs to go to the bathroom outside because you do not want dogs to ruin items inside your house. Dogs are proud when they go to the bathroom outside. They are proud to go to the bathroom outside.

Secondly, it is necessary to teach puppies how to walk on a leash. This is important for dogs, just like it is for people! Dogs need to be trained to safely use a leashes.

Another important part of training dogs is to teach them how to interact with other animals. Some people get very nervous around dogs that are not trained around people. They might need help to avoid jumping on people. It is important that a dog will know what to do around another animal. This helps to avoid extra eyes on dogs when they are in new situations like at the park or at a dog park so that they can learn to play with other dogs.

There are many ways to train dogs. Some people use clicker training, some use doors that dogs can use. Other people take their dogs to dog training classes to find the style that works best for your family and your dog. Dogs that are trained so that they can have healthy and happy lives.

1. What is the author's main point?

2. Write one reason that supports the author's main point.

3. Why do dogs need to be trained to walk on leashes?
a. Dogs need to go outside for walks and exercise. c. Dogs need to be trained to walk on leashes.
b. Dogs need to learn how to treat babies. d. Dogs need to be trained to walk on leashes.

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Sign Language

Author's Point

Did you know that there are 150 sign languages around the world? American Sign Language (ASL) is the main language for deaf communities in the United States. Sign language allows people to communicate without using our voices. Sign language uses hand gestures, facial expressions, and body movements. Teaching and learning sign language is important because it helps people with different abilities to have a way to talk!

First of all, American Sign Language allows deaf people to communicate. People who cannot hear can learn the signs for words and phrases. They can look at someone's signs to understand what they are saying.

Secondly, sign language allows people who cannot talk to communicate. Some people can hear words, but they cannot speak. Sign language gives this group of people a way to talk with others.

Babies may also use sign language. Many parents and teachers use signs for words like "more" and "all done". Babies can use the signs for their needs.

Lastly, even gorillas have learned to use sign language. Koko the gorilla learned signs like "food" and "drink". Koko also learned signs about her emotions like "love". There are many groups of people and animals that use sign language.

1. What is the author's main point?

2. Write one reason that supports the author's main point.

3. What kind of animal can communicate using sign language?
a. dolphins c. gorillas
b. whales d. parrots

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Water Safety

Author's Point

Have you ever been swimming in a pool, lake, or the ocean? It can be a really fun activity to do on a hot day. Swimming and water can also be a little scary sometimes if you aren't sure how to stay safe. It is important to know how to protect yourself around water. There are many easy steps to take to stay safe near water that people should know. When you follow these tips, you can have fun and stay safe swimming!

First of all, you should always have an adult watching you swim. You need to make sure that an adult is near the water you are going in. Let the adult know before you get in any type of water. People who are new at swimming should be able to reach out and touch an adult. Many beaches and pools have lifeguards. Before you get in the water, look around for a lifeguard. It is important to know where the lifeguards and adults are in case you need their help.

Secondly, always walk near pools and water. Water can make the ground slippery. If you are running near a pool, you could slip and fall. A fall could result in you getting hurt.

Next, read the rules of where you are swimming. Many pools have rules on who can swim in each part of the pool. Some pools make you take a test before you go in the deep end to make sure that you are ready for the deep water. Beaches might have buoys in the water to show where you can swim. It is important to stay within the buoys so that you stay safe.

Water can provide so much fun to people of all ages. It is important that you practice water safety when near water. This way, you can enjoy your swim and stay safe!

1. What is the author's main point?

2. Write one reason that supports the author's main point.

3. Why might you take a test before you go in the deep end of a pool?
a. to prove you can read the rules c. to practice swimming
b. to see if the ground is slippery d. to make sure that you are ready for deep water

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3 Passages/Assessments