

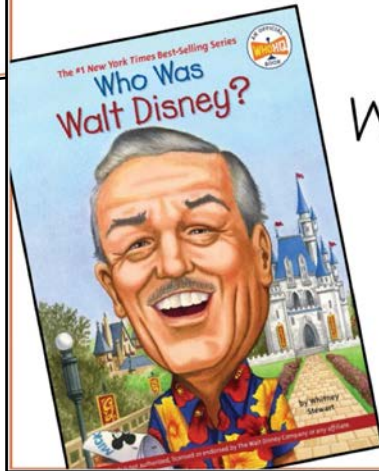
>>>>> AUTHOR'S MAIN PURPOSE

When an author writes a nonfiction text, they write for a specific **main**

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There are three different purposes or reasons that an author writes nonfiction.

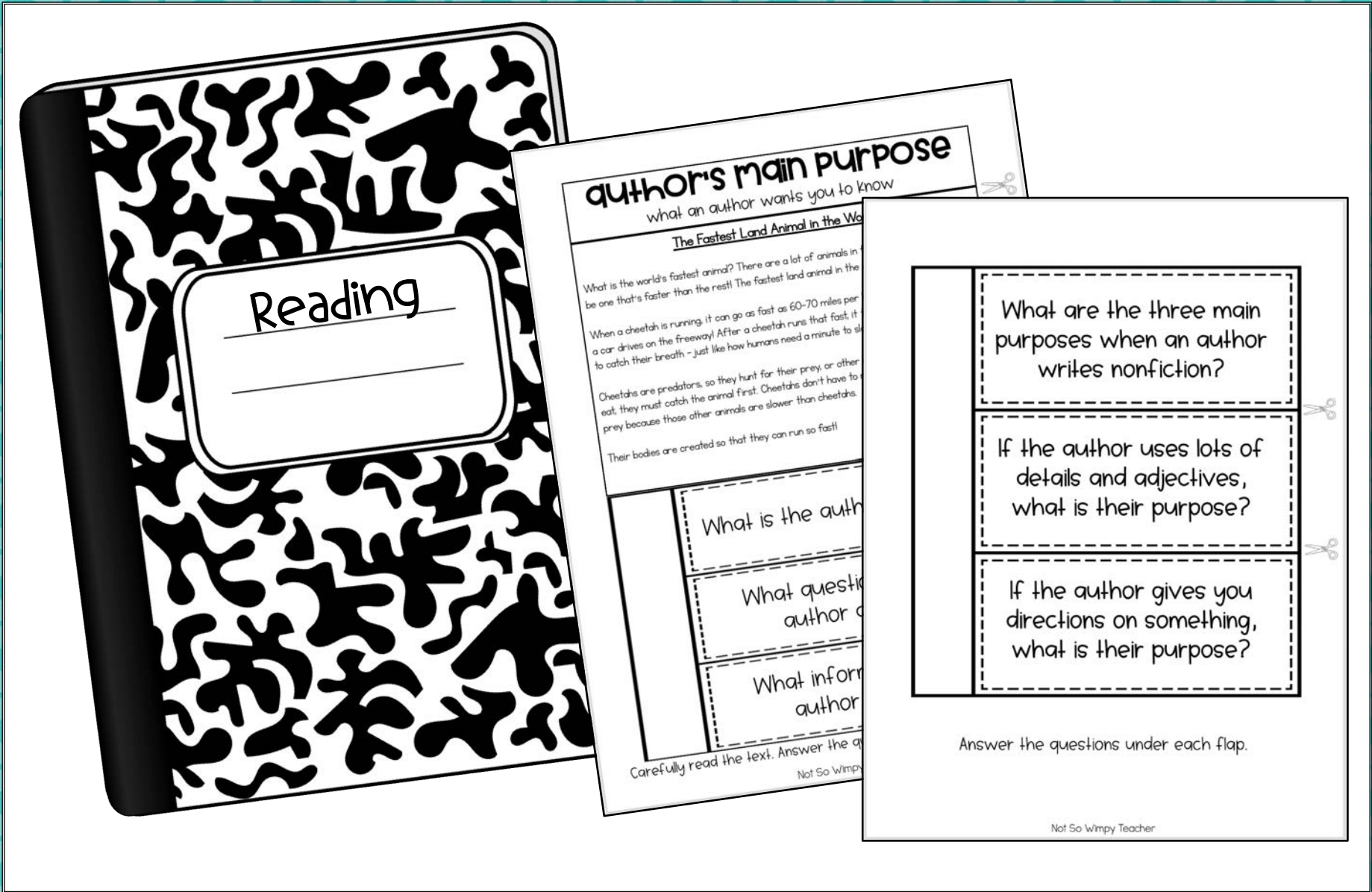
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Why do you think the author wrote this nonfiction story?

3 explain something

PowerPoint to Introduce the Skill



2 Interactive Notebook Activities

Nonfiction AUTHOR'S MAIN PURPOSE



CENTER ONE

Read the passage on the card carefully. Figure out the author's purpose of the text. What important facts did the author include? Write your answers in the recording book.



CENTER TWO

Read each title card. Sort the titles under what the author's purpose could be. Write your answers in the recording book.



CENTER THREE

Read each task card. Then answer the question. Write your answer in the recording book.



CENTER FOUR

Read the passage in your recording book. Read the question on each card. Find the answer in the text, and underline it using



CENTER FIVE

- Choose a nonfiction picture book, and carefully read the text. Follow the directions on the center card.
- Read a new book, and answer the same question for the second book.



5 Centers with a Recording Book

WRITE ANSWERS

Author's Purpose:

CENTER
ONE



many in 1879,
math riddles and
6 years old, he

wrote his first academic paper about magnetic forces! He shared the paper with his uncle who had helped him want to learn about science by giving Albert a toy train as a child!

Important

As he got older, he continued to learn more about science and math. When he was 26, he made a huge discovery in the world of science! He figured out that matter, or tiny particles that make up everything, can be converted or turned into energy. Then he came up with the science equation $E=mc^2$. This is one of his famous discoveries!

Albert continued learning new things about science to try and understand the world better. He made more discoveries about gravity as well!

In 1922, Albert Einstein won a Nobel Prize for everything he did in the world of science! He is one of the most famous scientists in history!

2

TITLE SORT

CENTER
TWO



ver

Describe

describe

answer

What are Stars? 1

How a House Is Built 1

I Am Jane Goodall:
Ordinary People Change the World 1

3 WRITE THE ANSWER

CENTER THREE



most popular house
larger wild cats like
are carnivores.
eat. Cats have
retractable claws that come out when they
need them. Cats have great hearing
and sight. Their long tails help them
balance while they are climbing.

4

What is the
purpose?



Can butterflies fly as soon as they are born?
You might be surprised to learn the answer is
no! Butterflies actually start out as eggs. Then
they hatch from the egg as caterpillars.
While they are caterpillars, they spend a lot
of time eating to grow big and get ready
to go into their next stage of life in a
cocoon. They come out of the cocoon
as butterflies, finally ready to fly!

What clues helped you figure
out the author's purpose?



4 COLOR ANSWERS

Do you ever wonder how it rains? That's due to
the water cycle!

CENTER FOUR



results in
snow, or hail

When the
water vapor
rises, it
condenses
into water
droplets, but
water vapor
travels
faster than
the droplets
and makes it

Once the water vapor rises, it condenses, or
turns into liquid water. This happens
together to form clouds.

Find one detail that helps you know the author's purpose.
Underline the answer in red.

What is precipitation?
Underline the answer in orange.

What is one fact that you learned?
Underline the answer in green.

50 READING RESPONSE

Book: _____

Author's Purpose: _____

Facts Learned: _____

CENTER FIVE

- Choose a nonfiction picture book, and carefully read the text. Follow the directions on the center card.
- Read a new book, and answer the same question on the second book.

What is the author's purpose for the book?

List 1-3 facts that you learned.



CHECK

- 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.



Elephant

Author's Main Purpose

Elephants are the largest land mammal on Earth! Do you ever wonder how they can live in their habitat and adapt so well in their habitat? Elephants can weigh up to 14,000 pounds and protect themselves from other animals. Lions, hyenas, and crocodiles can't harm them because of their large bodies in many ways to survive.

Elephants have very big trunks. The trunk looks like a long tube. An elephant uses its trunk to eat, breathe, smell, and talk to other elephants. A trunk is also very strong. An elephant could use its trunk to protect itself from predators and keep them healthy and safe.

Elephants have large tusks too. The tusks come out of an elephant's mouth. We can see an elephant's tusks even when its mouth is closed. Elephants use tusks to dig for food and lift items. Tusks can also be used to defend an elephant. The tusks are one of an elephant's body that helps them survive.

Elephants have huge ears. An elephant ear can be six feet long. Elephants use their ears like a fan to cool down when they are hot. They also use their ears to hear other elephants. Elephants have great hearing. They can hear sounds from miles away. Elephants can even use their ears to communicate with each other. Large bodies are important to their survival.

1. What is the author's purpose?

- a. answer
- b. persuade
- c. explain
- d. persuade

2. What helped you figure out the author's purpose?

3. Write one fact the author shares about elephants.

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Doughnuts

Author's Main Purpose

Have you ever walked by a bakery and smelled something delicious? Doughnuts are a popular snack made from fried dough. They come in many different styles and sizes.

Doughnuts have been around for hundreds of years. There are many different styles now than a hundred years ago. Doughnuts are eaten in many different countries and make doughnuts in different ways.

There are many ways to make doughnuts. Doughnuts are made from many different ingredients. Milk, sugar, flour, butter, eggs, yeast, and salt are some of the ingredients. After you mix the ingredients together, you shape your dough into a circle. Then you let the yeast do its job. Yeast is an ingredient that makes the dough rise. It takes a few hours to make doughnuts.

Doughnuts are made into different shapes. Some doughnuts are round with a hole in the middle. Other kinds of doughnuts are shaped like a heart. Another type called doughnut holes are shaped like a little hole.

Doughnuts come in many different flavors too. Some are plain. Some are powdered sugar sprinkled all over them. Glazed doughnuts are also popular. In the United States, people like pumpkin doughnuts during the fall.

1. What is the author's purpose?

- a. answer
- b. explain
- c. explain
- d. answer

2. What helped you figure out the author's purpose?

3. When making a doughnut, what do you do after you mix the ingredients?

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The National Basketball Association

Author's Main Purpose - Nonfiction

People of all different ages play and watch basketball. Some people even play basketball as their job. These players play in the National Basketball Association in the United States. The National Basketball Association is known as the NBA.

The NBA was started in 1946. There are now 30 teams in the NBA. The Los Angeles Lakers, Golden State Warriors, and Boston Celtics are a few popular teams. Most states have a team in the NBA, and some states have two teams. NBA players often play for different teams during their career.

Players must be at least 19 years old to join the NBA. Most NBA players start playing basketball when they are very young. NBA players first play basketball in high school and college. NBA coaches and teams look for basketball players to join their teams.

For most of their week, NBA players are playing or practicing basketball. This is because it is their job. Players play games from October to June. They usually play about three games a week. When they don't have game days, they practice. Sometimes they must travel far from home for their games.

Basketball is a very popular sport to watch. Fans like to cheer for their favorite teams. People get really excited during NBA playoffs. Playoffs are when teams play each other to decide which team is the champion. If a team loses, they are done for the season. If a team wins, then they play a new team. NBA playoffs happen at the beginning of summer. The NBA players must work extra hard during playoffs.

1. What is the author's purpose?

2. What helped you figure out the author's purpose?

3. What do NBA players do during the week when they don't have games to play?

- a. rest
- b. go to school
- c. watch basketball movies
- d. practice

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3 Passages/Assessments