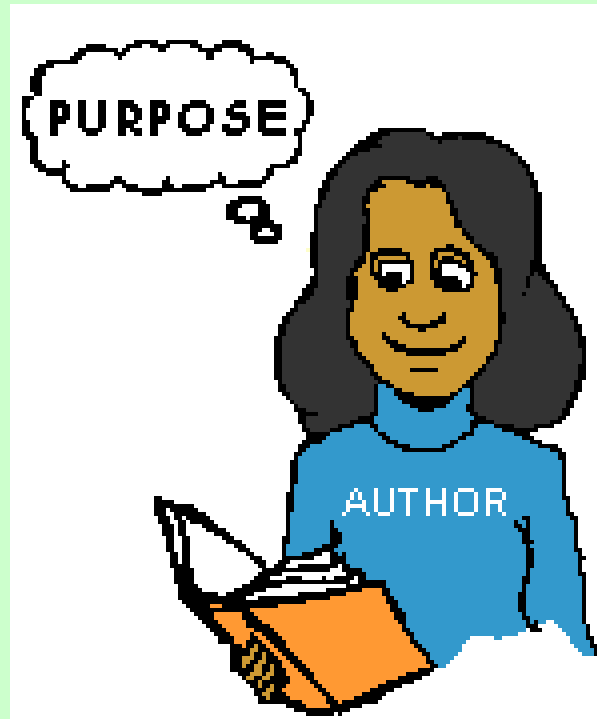
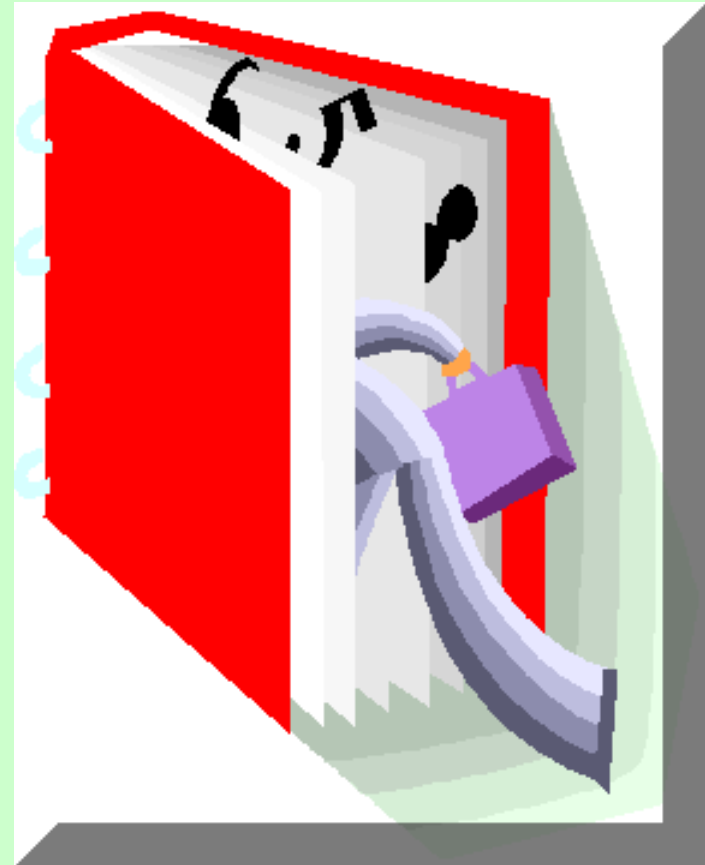


# Author's Purpose and Point of View



# What are our learning goals?

- To understand and identify the different **purposes** of texts.
- To distinguish between **non-fiction** and **fiction**.
- To understand how the author's **point of view** affects the text.



# What is **Fiction**?

- A **fiction** piece is from the author's imagination and is not based on facts.
- **Fiction** pieces will be stories.
- The purpose of **fiction** is to entertain the reader.
- **Fiction** creates a mood, a feeling you get from reading the selection. The mood could be happy, sad, scary, angry, peaceful, etc...

# What is **Non-fiction**?

- **Non-fiction** pieces are based on facts and author's opinions about a subject.
- **Non-fiction** pieces could be biographies, articles from textbooks, newspaper and magazine articles.
- The purpose of non-fiction writing is to **inform** and sometimes to **persuade**.

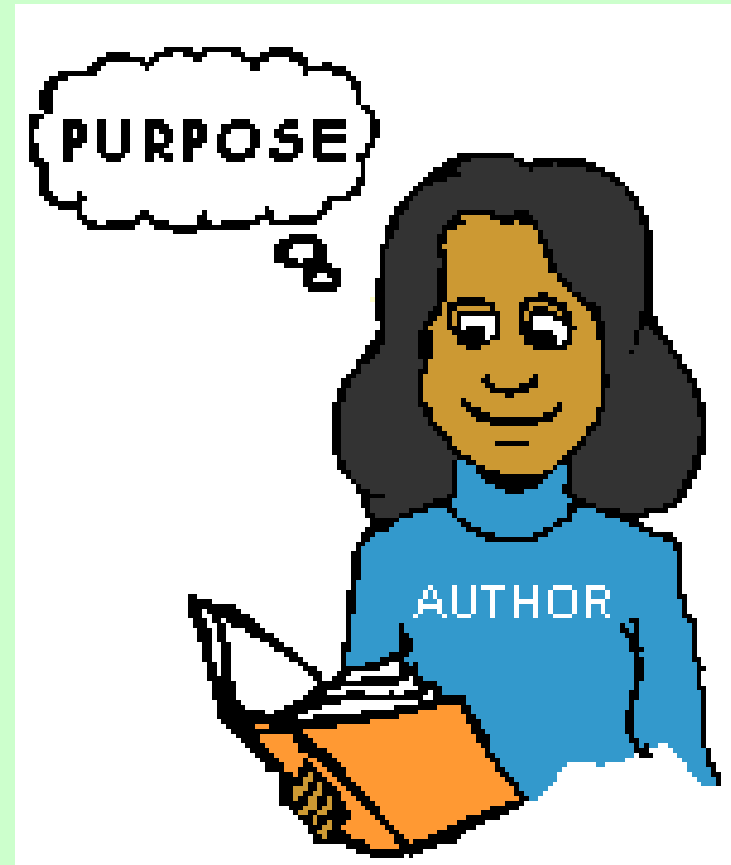
# What is the **purpose**?

- Did you know that everything you read has a **purpose**?
- When an author writes something (book, magazine, textbook, newspaper article), he/she chooses his/her words for a **purpose**.



# What is the purpose?

- The author's purpose is the main reason that he/she has for writing the selection.
- The author's purpose will be to:
  - Entertain
  - Inform
  - Persuade

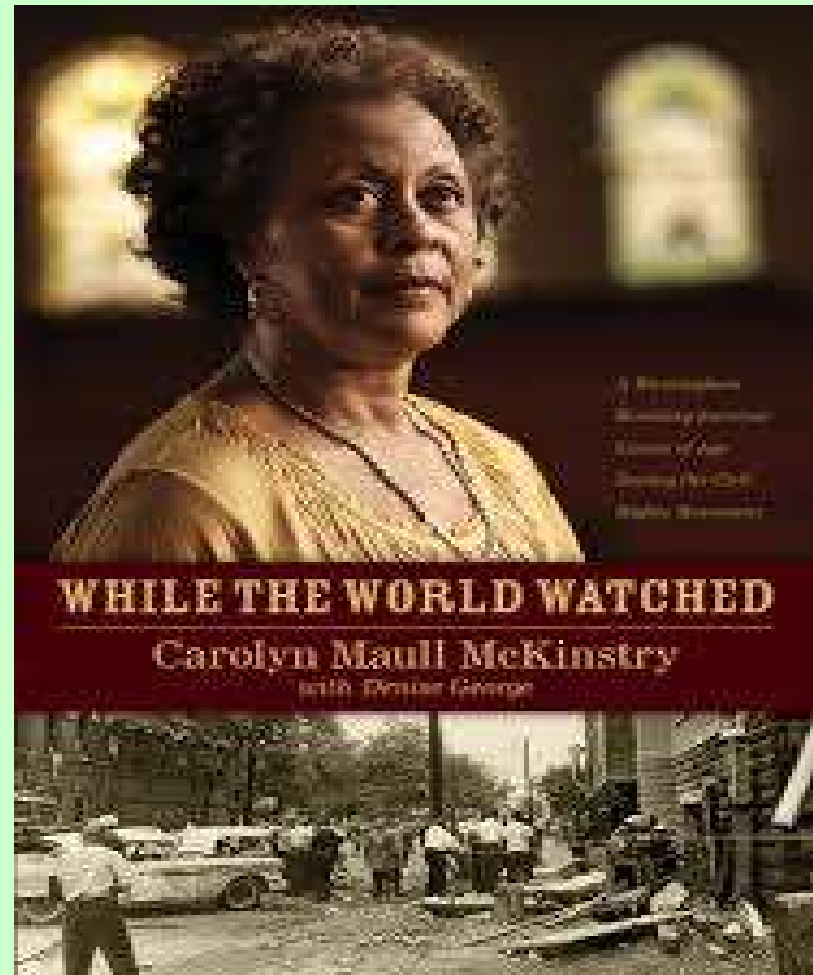


# What is the author's **point of view?**

- When an author writes to **entertain**, **persuade**, or **inform**, he/she will have his/her **point of view** on the subject.
- **Point of view** is an author's opinion about the subject.

# How does the author's **purpose** & author's **point of view** go together?

- Author's **purpose** and **point of view** go together.
- The author will want you to see the topic from his/her **point of view** or through his/her eyes.
- For some issues, you will be able to tell if the author is **FOR** or **AGAINST** something.





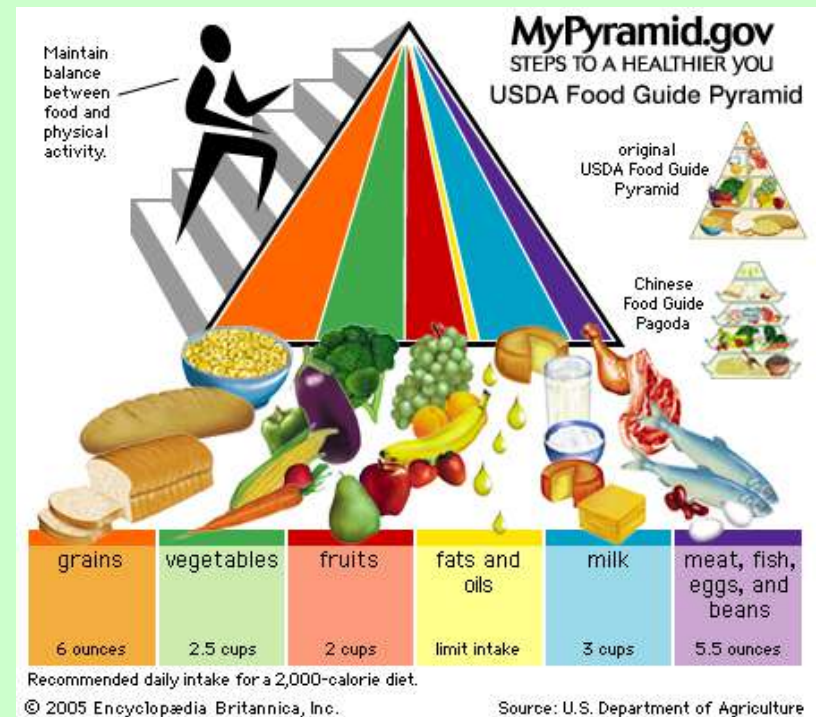
# I know the purpose!

- When you are able to recognize the author's purpose, you will have a better understanding of the selection.
- Also, the purpose will determine how you read a selection.



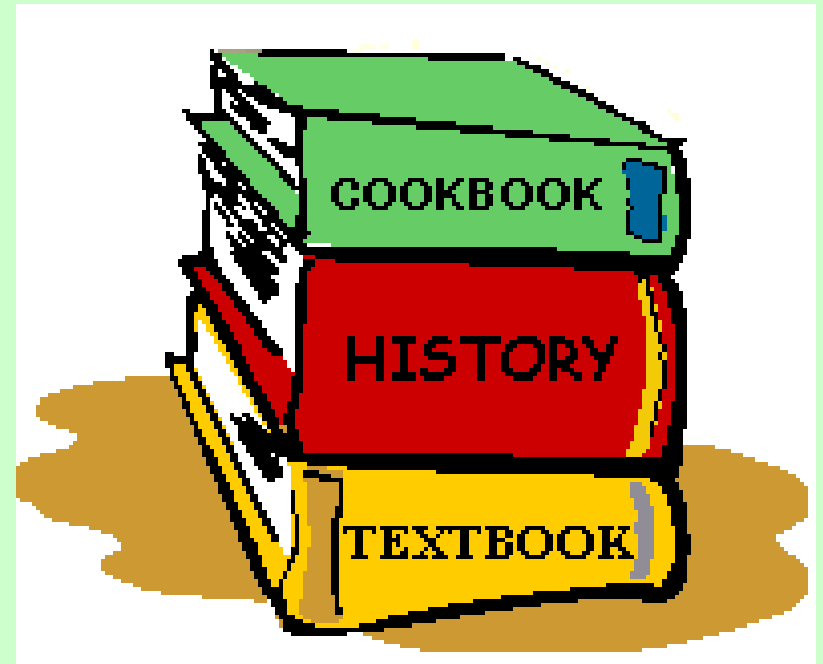
# Can a selection have two purposes?

- Some selections will have two **purposes**.
- For example, if the article is about eating healthy, it will try to **persuade** you to eat your vegetables as well as, **inform** you about the different types of food groups.



# Author's Purpose: Inform

- If the author's **purpose** is to **inform**, you will learn something from the selection.
- **Information** pieces sometime use one or more of the following:
  - Facts
  - Details/Instructions
  - Places
  - Events
  - People



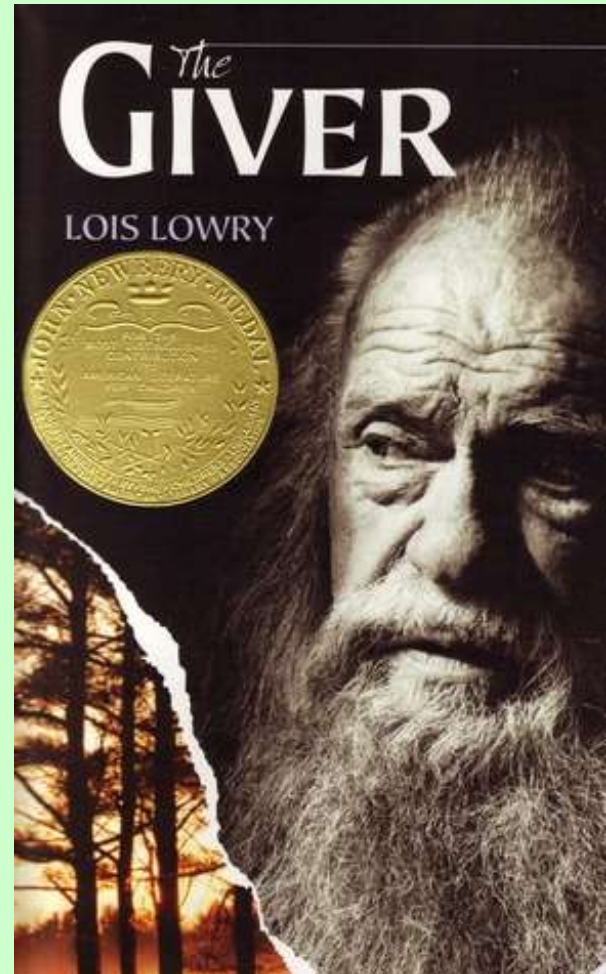
# Author's Purpose: Persuade

- If the author's purpose is to persuade, the author will want you to believe his/her position.
- Persuasive pieces are usually non-fiction.
- Although there are facts, it contains the author's opinions.
- With persuasive pieces, it is clear on the author's point of view (if he/she is FOR or AGAINST it).

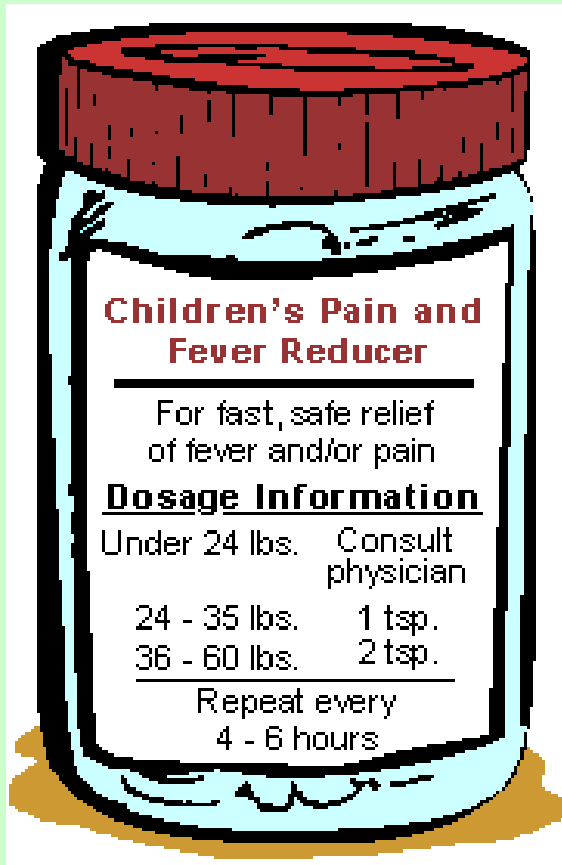


# Author's Purpose: Entertain

- If the author's **purpose** is to **entertain**, one goal may be to tell a story or to describe characters, places or events (real or imaginary).
- Examples of entertaining texts include: plays, poems, stories, jokes, or even comic strips..

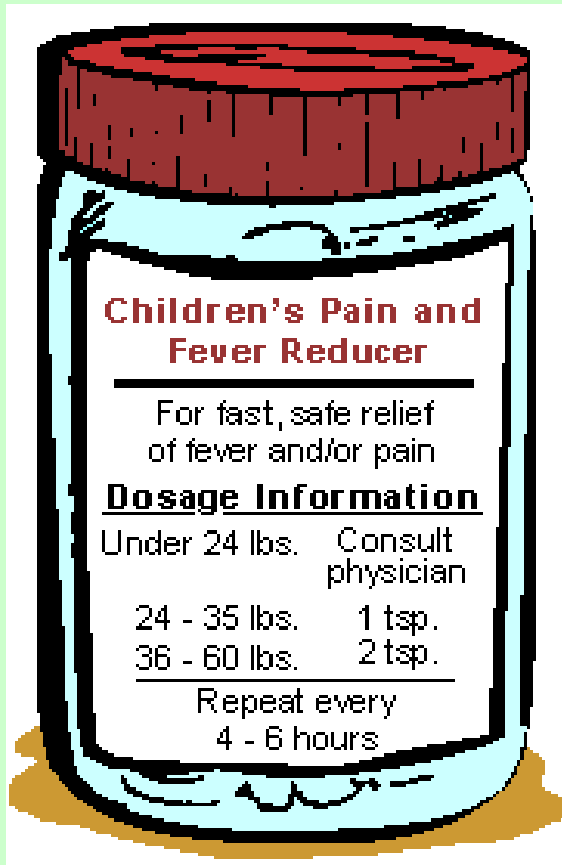


# Determine the author's purpose



- Use the information on the bottle to determine the author's purpose.
  - A. To Inform
  - B. To Entertain
  - C. To Persuade

# Can you identify the author's purpose?



- The correct answer is **A, to inform.**
- The label contained information and instructions on how to use the medicine.

# Can you identify the author's **purpose?**



**Inform**

**Entertain**

**Persuade**

- His face appeared in the window. She knew he had been the cause of her waking at 3 a.m. Was she seeing things? Was his face real? She tried to lie still and decide what to do. Just then, the window shattered. She flew across the room to the hallway and straight into her mother's room.



# Can you identify the author's purpose?

- The correct answer is to **entertain**.
- The author tried to capture a suspenseful mood in the story.
- The story is probably **fiction**.



# Can you identify the author's **purpose?**

- It is recommended that parents read to their children everyday, starting as early as six months of age. When you read with your children, you are starting them off in life as a life-long reader and learner. It is never too late to pick up a book and read; people in their eighties have learned how to read and discovered the pleasure of reading. Turn off the television and read a book!

# Can you identify the author's purpose?

- You can tell the author wrote this passage to
- **A. Inform**
- **B. Entertain**
- **C. Persuade**



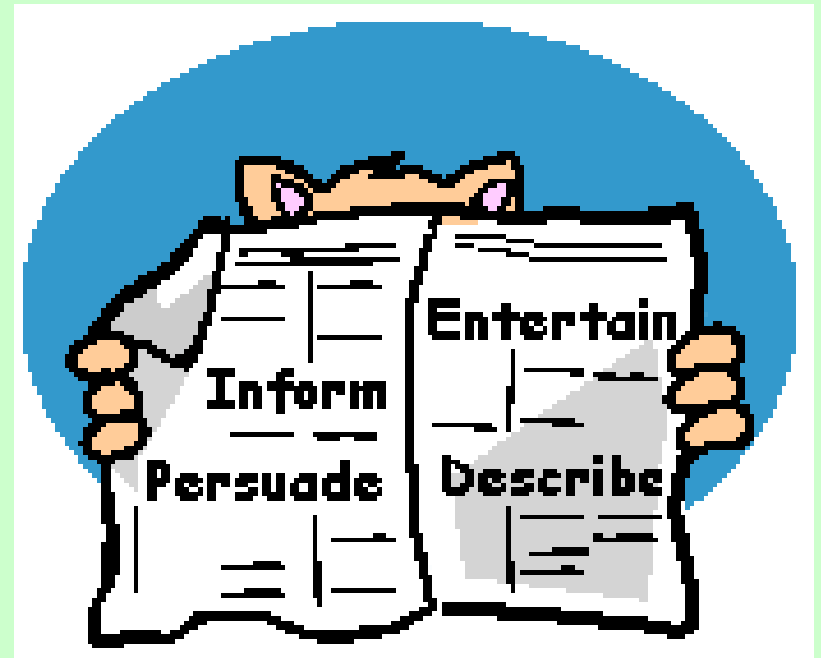
# Can you identify the author's purpose?

- The correct answer is **C, to persuade.**
- This is an emotional appeal to do the right thing: **READ!**
- Also, the last sentence tells you encourages you to do something: “Turn off the television”



# What are the steps to determining the author's **purpose** and **point of view**?

1. Read the selection carefully.
2. Determine if the selection is fiction or nonfiction.



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