

Name _____

Author's Purpose

- The **author's purpose** is the reason or reasons the author has for writing.
- An author might have more than one reason for writing. Four common reasons are to persuade, to inform, to express ideas or feelings, and to entertain.

Directions Before you read the passage below, predict the author's purpose and write it in the diagram. Then read the passage and complete the rest of the diagram.

Ship's Crew Needed Immediately

The *Flora* will be leaving San Francisco on Tuesday, May 2, and a crew is needed before departure. The *Flora* is a cargo ship that will be carrying lumber to several cities along the coast of South America. It is a four-masted ship with plenty of living space.

What better way is there to see the world than aboard a beauty like the *Flora*? Of course, you will also be paid standard wages for your service on our ship. If you are interested, please come by the transportation office and ask for Mr. Selvingson.

Before Reading		After Reading
Prediction of Author's Purpose or Purposes	Reasons for Prediction	Author's Actual Purpose or Purposes
1.	2. 3.	4.

5. Do you think the author met his or her purpose? Why or why not?



Home Activity Your child used a graphic organizer to predict and then to confirm the author's purpose in a text. Together, look at one section of a book or an article in a magazine. Make predictions about the author's purpose. Then read the section or article to learn whether or not your prediction was correct.