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# Author's Purpose

- The **author's purpose** is the reason an author writes something.
- An author may try to persuade, to inform, to entertain, or to express ideas and feelings.
- Different parts of a piece of writing may have different purposes.

**Directions** Read the following passage.

<p><b>Props</b> Use two blue blankets for the river. Put potted plants around the river as trees.</p> <p><b>Narrator</b> People who lived near the river fished for salmon. Salmon was an important part of their diet.</p> <p><b>Man</b> That fish looks tasty. I want to catch that fish.</p>	<p><b>Salmon</b> Use a net. (Man puts net in river. Salmon jumps over it.)</p> <p><b>Salmon</b> I don't want to be caught today. I want to swim upstream instead.</p> <p><b>Man</b> The joke is on me.</p>
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**Directions** Complete the chart. Give the author's purpose for each part. Then explain the purpose.

	Purpose	Why do you think so?
<b>Beginning (Props)</b>	<b>Inform: Tell how to make the props.</b>	<b>1. The sentences after "Props"</b>  _____
<b>Middle (Narrator)</b>	<b>2. Inform:</b>  _____	<b>3. The narrator tells</b>  _____ _____
<b>End (Man and Salmon)</b>	<b>4.</b> _____	<b>5. The play made me</b>  _____

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**Home Activity** Your child found the author's purpose for three different parts of a play. Read another play. Ask your child to explain the purpose of its different parts. Remember that an author may have more than one reason for writing a play. Some parts of a play inform the reader. Other parts are meant to entertain, persuade, or express feelings.