

Name _____

Author's Purpose

- The **author's purpose** is the reason or reasons the author has for writing.
- To *inform, persuade, entertain, or express* are common reasons for writing.

Directions Answer the questions.

Possible responses given.

1. Why do you think the author gave so many details about how everyone cleaned up the empty lot?

to show how much work is involved

2. Why do you think the author wrote a book about a group of people building a garden rather than just one person?

to show that people working together can do great things

3. Explain why one of the purposes the author may have had was to inform.

The author tells what they can accomplish by working together.

4. How did the author show she also wanted to entertain?

the heartwarming way the author shows how people improve their community

5. In what way did the author try to persuade?

by trying to convince people that good things come from working together