

Name _____

Author's Purpose

- The **author's purpose** is the reason or reasons the author has for writing.
- An author may have one or more reasons for writing. Common reasons are to *inform*, *persuade*, *entertain*, or *express*.

Directions Answer the questions.

Possible responses given.

1. What do you think is the author's purpose for writing this story?

to entertain with a story of how a boy conquered his fear of dogs

2. What do you think is the author's purpose for including the story about Coyote?

This story informs, or explains, how humans got fire.

3. How does the story about Coyote stealing fire help Henry?

Henry likes the story about the coyote, which is similar to a dog, and it makes him less afraid of dogs.

4. What do you think the author wants you to learn about Navajo culture?

She wants to inform readers about their rich tradition of storytelling.

5. Why do you think the author had Henry meet a coydog?

Henry already liked coyotes, so it was easier to like the dog part of the coydog.