



Author's Purpose

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

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Rewrite: _____

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Rewrite: _____

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

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- "Don't miss our grand opening sale — everything is 50% off!" The author's purpose is to _____.
- "The wizard sneezed, and a flock of rubber ducks appeared out of thin air." The author's purpose is to _____.
- An author's _____ is the attitude or feeling expressed through word choice in a text.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

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2. How can you tell the difference between a text written to inform and one written to entertain? Give one clue for each.

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The author's purpose is to persuade. The words "switch to," "today," and "dentists agree" are meant to convince the reader to buy the toothpaste by creating urgency and authority.

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