



Author's Purpose

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer for each question.

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- B) Using slang in a research paper for a science journal
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Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

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