

## AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

Author's purpose answers the question: Why did the author write this text?

An author always has a purpose for writing.

**Authors may write:**

- to inform
- to entertain
- to persuade

### When an author writes to inform...

The author's desire is to TEACH readers about something in particular.

*Example:* An article written about why birds migrate.

### When an author writes to entertain

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*Example:*

An article written about why people should vote for Jim Thomas for president.

## Author's Point of View

An **author's point of view** refers to the perspective from which a story is being told.

### FIRST PERSON:

- When a story is written in first person, the narrator is a participant IN the story.
- The narrator only knows about the other character's thoughts and actions as they are revealed during the story.
- Words often used when writing in first person: I, me, my, myself

### **THIRD PERSON:**

There are several variations of writing in the third person point of view:

- **Third Person Omniscient:**

When a story is written in third person omniscient, the narrator is NOT in the story.

When writing in third person omniscient, the story is being told by from an OUTSIDE perspective - the narrator is able to reveal to the readers what is going on inside the heads of the characters, including how they feel and why they do what they do.

- **Third Person Objective:**

When a story is written in third person objective, the narrator can reveal what is happening with the characters, but can't go inside the character's heads to find out what they are thinking or feeling.

Words often used when writing in first person: he, she, they



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