

# Author's Purpose and Point of View

## Post test

1. What is it called when the author expresses his opinions and views?

- ☐ a. entertainment
- ☐ b. point of view
- ☐ c. climax

2. All of the following are three main reasons why an author writes a story, EXCEPT to

- ☐ a. inform.
- ☐ b. persuade.
- ☐ c. entertain.
- ☐ d. to make sure the reader enjoys what he or she is reading.

Identifying the author's purpose. Read the following passages and answer the questions.

3. Lisa always looked forward to the fall because of the Harvest Festival. Of course, she loved the rides, but she really enjoyed the shows. This year would be the best. Lisa had a special opportunity to perform in the talent show.

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4. What do you do with aluminum cans? Do you throw them in the trash, or do you recycle when you are finished with them? At the rate we are filling our landfills, we will not have anywhere else to put our trash. If you recycle, you will help the environment. The next time you throw away your Coke can, think about putting it in a recycling bin. Your effort will help save your community.

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5. Tomatoes were once considered poisonous. Some brave people finally took a bite of a tomato, and they survived. Now, we use tomatoes in our salads and sandwiches. Do you ever use tomato sauce or ketchup? These products are made of tomatoes. If it weren't for these brave individuals, you might not be able to enjoy ketchup with your french-fries.

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6. The impressive eagle is a national symbol in the United States for patriotism and freedom. Because the bald eagle was once hunted for sport, it is on the verge of extinction. If you kill a bald eagle, you can go to jail. Unfortunately, the bald eagle still maybe become extinct.

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7. Most people think that gorillas are mean, but actually they are shy. It seems that such a huge animal with very large teeth would be aggressive. Hollywood movies help convey this image of the scary, ferocious gorilla. In fact, gorillas only attack if they are provoked. However, gorillas usually don't have to fight other animals because of their impressive size.

The author believes that

- ☐ a. Gorillas are misunderstood as vicious animals.
- ☐ b. Gorillas are mean animals.
- ☐ c. Gorillas don't like other animals.
- ☐ d. Gorillas communicate well with other animals.

8. This was Kathy's first baby-sitting job. She was so excited, but she was really nervous. Kathy's parents made her attend a baby-sitting workshop before she could baby-sit her neighbor's five-year-old son, Matthew. Kathy knew this was a lot of responsibility, but she thought she was ready. Kathy marched confidently to Matthew's house and waved goodbye to Matthew's parents. It seemed as soon as his parents left, Matthew fell and hit his chin on the coffee table. Without panicking, she remembered what she learned in her baby-sitting class and applied first-aid.

The author wants to show that

- ☐ a. Matthew should not run in the house.
- ☐ b. Kathy is ready to baby-sit.
- ☐ c. Kathy needs to attend more baby-sitting workshops.
- ☐ d. Coffee tables can be dangerous.

9-10 . Ted, the school reporter, interviewed both candidates for the school election. In his column on the school election, he printed his interview with the two candidates. The following selections were taken out of the school newspaper.

1st letter. Do you want the best class president for your school? If so, please vote for Marco Rodriguez. I am a responsible candidate who will work hard to make our school a better place. Vote for Marco this coming Tuesday.

2nd letter: We need a change at our school. I am the person for this job. I am an honor student who is involved in many different activities. I know I can make a difference. Vote for me, and our school will be even better. Candice Park

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### **Post Test Answers**

1. b

2. d

3. a

4. b

5. c

6. c

7. a

8. b

9. d

10. d

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