

# Author's Purpose and Point of View

## Pretest

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

- ☐ a. inform.
- ☐ b. persuade.
- ☐ c. entertain.
- ☐ d. scare his audience.

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

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

3. If you read an editorial in the newspaper, the author's purpose is to

- ☐ a. entertain.
- ☐ b. persuade.
- ☐ c. inform.
- ☐ d. create a mysterious mood.

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

4. The day began like any other school day, except she really wanted to run to the bus and get to school. She had a feeling that she was going to be named homecoming queen.

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5. One of the most harmful creatures on earth is the fly. Flies spread harmful diseases. They pick up germs with their hair, spreading their germs everywhere.

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6. Wouldn't you like to feel safe in your neighborhood? Please join our watch group. We need good volunteers to protect our streets and report suspicious activity to the police.

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7. The Andes Mountains are located down the west side of South America and are the longest chain of mountains in the world. The Andes start at the top of South America and go along the coast to the bottom of South America, which spans over 400 miles. There are a lot of volcanoes found in the mountains and many are active. Like California, earthquakes are a normal occurrence and have killed many people.

The reason the author wrote the selection is

- ☐ a. to inform the reader how dangerous California can be.
- ☐ b. to show the similarities between South America and San Francisco.
- ☐ c. to describe the Andes Mountains.
- ☐ d. to inform the reader that earthquakes kill people.

8. Do you ever go out and look at the stars? The stars fascinate many people, and some say that you can tell a lot about what will happen by studying them. The sky is divided into 88 known areas that scientists study. Inside these areas are many stars, which are called constellations. Many constellations were named as far back as the 1500s. Some named constellations are the zodiac signs; Aries, Pisces, and Taurus. Other constellations that might be familiar to you are the Little Dipper, Big Dipper, and the Great Bear.

The author believes that

- ☐ a. the Little Dipper is the best constellation.
- ☐ b. people don't care about studying stars as much as they used to in the 1500s.
- ☐ c. the study of stars has fascinated people for hundreds of years.
- ☐ d. you cannot tell much by looking at the stars.

9. Some people believe that they can't make a difference by voting, but you can. If you don't vote, your voice cannot be heard. Show you care about your community, and exercise your right to vote.

The author believes that

- ☐ a. people should vote.
- ☐ b. you can't criticize the person in office if you don't vote.
- ☐ c. you should recycle in your community.
- ☐ d. one person can't make a difference.

10. Doug knew that he had waited until the last minute to type his research paper, but he couldn't think of what he wanted to write. As Doug was frantically typing away on his computer, the power went out. He hadn't saved his documents. He screamed at the computer as it faded into blackness. Maybe it wouldn't have been too bad if he had a rough draft in which to work from, but he was writing and typing at the same time. Doug swore to himself that this would never happen to him again.

The author shows the importance of

- ☐ a. buying a new computer.
- ☐ b. not waiting until the last minute to do your assignments.
- ☐ c. going to the library to do your research.
- ☐ d. making the honor roll.

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### Pre Test Answers

1. D

2. B

3. B

4. A

5. C

6. B

7. C

8. C

9. A

10. B

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