



## UNDERSTANDING AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Determine the author's purpose for each of the following. Use inform, persuade or entertain.

1. HAMSTERS FOR SALE: Braxton Pet Store, Northwood Mall: We have a large selection of hamsters for sale this week. They are interesting pets and you will enjoy having one. They are only \$ 17.99 this week. Come and buy yours today!

What is the author's purpose ? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Calligraphy is a form of handwriting . A special pen must be used. Letters are formed using up and down strokes. Old documents are usually written in this form. Diplomas , certificates and other awards are written in calligraphy. It is an interesting form of handwriting.

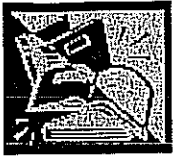
What is the author's purpose? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Katina and her brother, Jess were playing with the water hose outside one day. Jess was hiding from Katina so she wouldn't squirt him with the water. The back door opened and Katina pointed the water hose toward the door. It was Mom and she was dripping wet!

What is the author's purpose? \_\_\_\_\_

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WS#1



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READ EACH OF THE FOLLOWING. DECIDE IF THE WRITING IS TO INFORM, PERSUADE OR ENTERTAIN.

1. Rosie had the best time making her valentine cards for her classmates. She used red and white paper, heart stickers, markers and anything else she could find. It was great. Her friends are planning a valentine party on Feb. 14th at school. The one she made for her best friend is funny. Funny valentines are nice to get.

Author's purpose of this writing is to \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think this?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. The easy Chopper 3 will chop your vegetables for you in about 30 seconds. It is easy to use and you can use any vegetable. The cost is \$ 29.95. Order yours today!

Author's purpose of this writing is to \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think this?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Abraham Lincoln's birthday is on Feb. 12th. He was a great President of the United States. He was our 16th President. He is remembered for freeing the slaves.

Author's purpose for this writing is to \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think this ?

\_\_\_\_\_

READ CAREFULLY AND USE YOUR BEST HANDWRITING!

WS #2

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Reflection : AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

Draw a picture that represents each component of "Author's Purpose."

Label each picture.

1.

2.

3.



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### DETERMINE THE AUTHOR'S PURPOSE FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING: inform persuade entertain

1. Judy Glen's amazing Wrinkle Remover cream will make you look younger in thirty days or less. This remarkable cream has special ingredients to make your wrinkles disappear. The cost for a thirty day supply is \$ 25.99. Send your check to P.O.Box 00002, Shelton, CA 74836

What is the author's purpose of this writing? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Thomas was not happy one little bit. His sister, Susan was making honor roll again. His parents would allow her to do anything she wanted to do. Thomas was not making honor roll this time and he was not going to be allowed to do all the things he wanted to do. Poor Thomas! He would just have to study harder and get back on the honor roll.

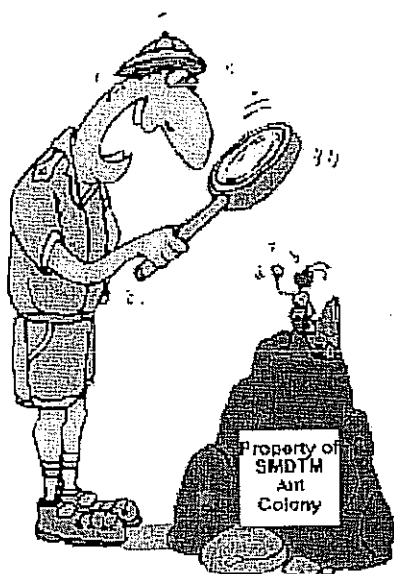
What is the author's purpose of this writing? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Laura Elizabeth Ingalls Wilder was born on February 7, 1867 in Pepin, Wisconsin to Charles and Caroline Ingalls. She met and married Almanzo James Wilder in 1885. She published many books based on her travels to the west. Her writing became the basis for the " Little House" series She died in 1957.

What is the author's purpose of this writing? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Dr. Squito Entomologist

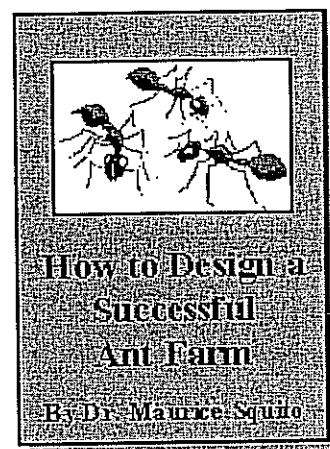
## Education:

Dr. Squito received his Ph.D. in Entomology from SMDTM University in 1993; his M.A. in Entomology from Terrmight University in 1989, and his B.A. in Biology from Fyrfli University in 1986.

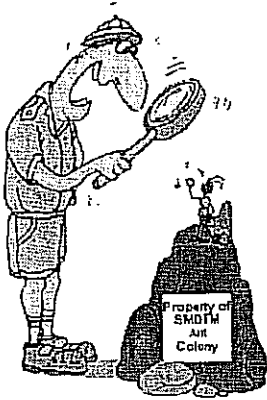
## A Brief Biography

Dr. Maurice (Moe) Squito has studied insects ever since he can remember. Some of his earliest memories are of watching spiders spin webs and observing the termites that delighted in chewing the paneling in his bedroom.

His favorite nursery rhymes were the *Eensy-Weensy Spider* and *Ladybug, Ladybug Fly Away Home*, which he recited with relish when he was less than three years old. His literary interests expanded as he grew older. At five he thrilled to the adventures of "Jim" Cricket in *Pinocchio*, and sobbed when Charlotte died at the end of *Charlotte's Web*, when he turned nine. Moe was a very sensitive child and highly imaginative. He wondered whether the crickets and grasshoppers played symphonies just for him. Often, he would lay awake at night listening to the natural concerts that swelled beneath his bedroom window.



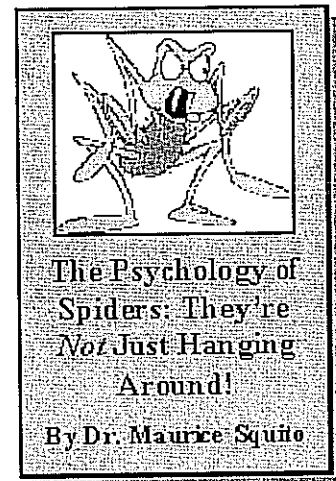
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Dr. Squito has written numerous articles which include, "The Psychology of Spiders: They're Not Just Hanging Around", "Termites are Only Trying to Make a Living", and "How to Design a Successful Ant Farm." He is widely acclaimed as both a naturalist and environmentalist who considers the views of the tiny citizens which share our planet.

Currently, Dr. Squito is studying the leaf-cutter ants of the Amazon Rainforest. He is fascinated by their activities and is developing an equation to calculate the yearly yield of their fungus crops. (Leaf cutter ants actually are farmers! They grow fungus on leaves and then "harvest it for food!" He has been quoted as saying, "If people were half as industrious as these little chaps, we could end world hunger!"



Dr. Squito is a great lover of J.S. Bach's music. In fact, he says that this piece helps him get "Bach in the swing of things." "It reminds me," he added, "of the little leaf cutter ants marching home with their burdens after a hard day's work in the Amazon." Dr. Squito is fond of playing simple Bach pieces on his soprano recorder. He chose to study recorder because he found it difficult to transport larger instruments such as pianos and harpsichords into the field. "Besides," he quipped in a humorous tone of voice, "It's a one time investment and cheaper than batteries for a CD player!"

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Dr. Squito Entomologist

Directions: Use the  
information from Dr.  
Squito's Biography to  
answer the questions:

1. Based on the information in the biography explain what an "entomologist" is. Use facts from the biography to prove your definition of entomologist is correct!

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2. Write a short paragraph explaining how Dr. Squito became interested in entomology. Use facts from the biography, but be sure to use your own words.

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3. Dr. Squito obviously thinks that insects are worthwhile and should be viewed as important by other people. List three pieces of information from the article that show he believes this:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Use the information from Dr. Squito's Biography to answer the question below:

4. What do you think Dr. Squito's purpose for writing the book, "Termites are Only Trying to Make a Living", was ? Think about the title. Explain your opinion and why you think this on the lines below:

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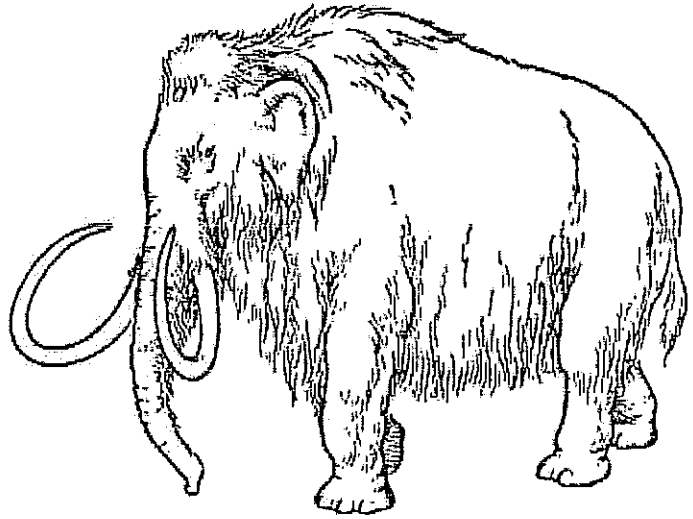
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## Woolly Mammoths

A mammoth was a type of elephant that lived during the Ice Ages. The Ice Ages were a times when much of the Earth was covered with snow and ice. It was very hard to live during the Ice Ages because the climate world-wide was much colder than it is today. Mammoths were extremely well-adapted to live in this type of climate.



Mammoths had long tusks which were curled up at the ends. They used their tusks to scrape the snow off grass and plants so they could eat them. The tusks were also used for protection from predators, such as the smilodon, or saber cat.

Mammoths had long, shaggy hair which helped keep them warm. They had a double coat of hair. The long, shaggy hair of the outer coat kept the cold off of the mammoth's body. The inner coat, which was made of hollow hairs, helped keep the mammoth's body heat in.

Mammoths had a hump between their shoulders in which fat was stored. When mammoths couldn't find food to eat, their bodies would use up the fat which was stored in the hump. This was an important adaptation in a land which was often covered by ice and snow.

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Author's Purpose Practice Sheet for **Wooly Mammoth**.

Directions: Use the Information you read in the Woolly Mammoth Sheet to answer the questions below:

1. Think about what you read about the Woolly Mammoth. What was the author's purpose in writing this article?

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2. Use details from the text to write a paragraph explaining how you know the reason that the author wrote this article:

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