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Comparing Tone, Style, and Structure

Directions: Read both passages. Then answer the questions that follow.

Passage A: Informational Article Excerpt

The process of photosynthesis allows plants to convert sunlight into energy. This energy is used to grow and develop. During photosynthesis, plants take in carbon dioxide and release oxygen, which is essential for human and animal life. Without this process, the balance of gases in Earth's atmosphere would be disrupted.

Passage B: Science-Themed Narrative

Leah stared at the potted plant on her windowsill. Its leaves drooped slightly in the afternoon sun. "You just need more light," she whispered, lifting the pot gently and moving it closer to the window. She had learned in science class that sunlight helped plants make their own food. Still, she liked to think her encouragement helped too.

Questions:

1. What is the author's purpose in each passage?

○ Passage A: _____

○ Passage B: _____

2. How does the purpose shape the tone of each passage?

○ Passage A tone: _____

○ Passage B tone: _____

3. How does the structure of the two passages differ?

4. How would you describe the style of each passage? (Formal, Informal, Narrative, Expository, etc.)

○ Passage A style: _____

○ Passage B style: _____