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Comparing Tone, Style, and Structure

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

Passage A: Editorial Opinion Piece

Every year, thousands of tons of plastic are dumped into our oceans, polluting waterways and threatening marine life. It's no longer enough to raise awareness—we must demand action. Governments need to implement stricter regulations, and individuals must reduce their reliance on single-use plastics. This is not simply an environmental issue; it's a moral one. The choices we make now will determine the kind of planet future generations inherit.

Passage B: Scientific Report Excerpt

A recent study published in *Marine Ecology Progress Series* found that microplastics were present in 89% of sampled fish in the North Atlantic. Researchers collected data from over 100 locations, analyzing water samples and fish tissues. The findings suggest that plastic contamination has become deeply embedded in marine food chains. Further research is needed to determine long-term ecological and health impacts.

Questions:

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

Passage A: _____ Passage B: _____

2. How does the author's purpose influence the tone of each passage?

Passage A tone: _____ Passage B tone: _____

3. Describe the difference in structure between the two passages.
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4. How would you classify the style of each passage? (e.g., persuasive, academic, narrative, reflective)

Passage A style: _____ Passage B style: _____

5. Which passage is more likely to appeal to emotion? How does this support the author's purpose?