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Spotting Clues in the Text

Directions: Read each passage and identify the **clue(s)** that help reveal the **author's purpose**. Then, choose the purpose: **Persuade**, **Inform**, or **Entertain**.

1. Headline: "Why Every Kid Needs a Pet"

Pets teach responsibility, reduce stress, and improve emotional health. Studies show that children with pets are more confident and empathetic. If you're considering a pet, don't wait—adopt one today and change a life!

Clues that hint at purpose: _____

Author's Purpose: _____



2. Caption under a photo:

A firefighter hoses down a burning building during last summer's record-breaking heat wave.

Excerpt:

More than 200 fires were reported in just one week, many caused by dried vegetation and extreme heat. Officials warn that fire seasons are growing longer and more dangerous due to climate change.

Clues that hint at purpose: _____

Author's Purpose: _____

3. Story Excerpt:

Benny peeked over the fence, heart pounding. The neighbor's yard was full of strange noises and shadows. He had to know what was going on—even if it meant sneaking out after dark.

Clues that hint at purpose: _____

Author's Purpose: _____