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Author's Aim

Directions: Read each passage carefully. Decide whether the author's main purpose is to: (I) inform (give facts or teach something), (E) entertain (amuse or tell a story), or (P) persuade (convince or encourage action). Write **I**, **E**, or **P** on the line before each passage.

_____ 1. Every morning, the bald eagle soars high above rivers and lakes in search of food. With sharp eyesight, it can spot a fish from hundreds of feet in the air. Once it finds its prey, the eagle swoops down and uses its powerful talons to snatch it from the water. Bald eagles also build some of the largest bird nests in the world, sometimes weighing over a ton. These nests are often used for many years. Because of their strength and majesty, the bald eagle was chosen as the national bird of the United States.

_____ 2. The air smelled of butter and sugar as the bakery opened its doors. Hannah pressed her nose to the glass, staring at the rows of colorful pastries. A chocolate éclair seemed to wink at her from its tray, and the cinnamon rolls looked like golden spirals of treasure. When she finally chose a cupcake topped with bright blue frosting, she grinned and took a big bite. The sweetness made her forget all about her rainy walk to the store.

_____ 3. Plastic bottles, bags, and other trash are polluting our oceans at alarming rates. Sea turtles mistake plastic for food, and fish often get trapped in discarded nets. But together, we can help. Start by reducing single-use plastics, bringing reusable bags to the store, and recycling whenever possible. Communities that take these steps have seen cleaner beaches and healthier marine life. Don't wait—make a difference today by protecting our oceans.

_____ 4. Long ago, kings and queens relied on knights to defend their castles. These knights wore heavy armor made of metal and carried swords or shields in battle. They followed a strict code called chivalry, which emphasized bravery, loyalty, and honor. Knights also trained for years before they were ready to fight. Tournaments were common events where knights competed to show their skill. Today, stories about knights continue to fascinate readers around the world.