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Purpose Pursuit Answer Key

Paragraph 1: Persuade

Clue example: It uses opinion based language such as "students should" and urges administrators to change a rule.

Paragraph 2: Inform

Clue example: It shares facts about filling stations and their benefits without urging an action.

Paragraph 3: Explain

Clue example: It defines invasive species and describes how they spread and why they are harmful.

Paragraph 4: Argue

Clue example: It directly challenges a claim and presents evidence against eliminating homework.

Teacher's Guide

- Review the four **author's purposes** before students begin the worksheet.
- For differentiation, allow students to highlight signal words such as should, must, research shows, or facts.
- For engagement, have students debate one paragraph after identifying its purpose.
- For support, model the first paragraph together and identify the clue as a class.
- For extension, ask students to write their own short paragraph with a clear purpose and trade with a partner to identify it.