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## Purpose Contrast

**Directions:** Read both passages. Then answer the questions to compare how each author's **purpose** is different.

**Passage A:** Many middle schools across the country begin classes before eight in the morning. Studies show that students often get less sleep than they need on school nights. Lack of sleep can affect attention, memory, and mood during the school day. Some districts are now studying how later start times might improve student learning.

**Passage B:** Students deserve a school schedule that supports their health and success. Starting school later would allow students to get the sleep their growing bodies need. When students are well rested, they perform better in class and behave more responsibly. Schools should change start times to help students reach their full potential.

1. What is the **author's purpose** in Passage A?

Choose one and underline: to inform, to persuade, to entertain, to explain

2. What is the **author's purpose** in Passage B?

Choose one and underline: to inform, to persuade, to entertain, to explain

3. Which **sentence in Passage A** best shows the author's purpose? Write it below.

4. Which **sentence in Passage B** best shows the author's purpose? Write it below.

5. How are the **purposes different**, even though both passages discuss the same topic?