

Discipline Purposes Answer Key

Science Passage

- Purpose: **to inform**
- Evidence: data collected, confirm this trend, scientists link
- Discipline Connection: Scientific writing focuses on **data, evidence, and observed trends**.

History Passage

- Purpose: **to explain**
- Evidence: changed how the world viewed, pushed the United States, reshaped international competition
- Discipline Connection: Historical writing **explains cause and effect over time**.

Teacher's Guide

- **Differentiation:**
 - Provide sentence frames for students who need writing structure.
 - Allow struggling readers to annotate only one passage in depth.
 - Challenge advanced students to identify tone differences across disciplines.
- **Engagement Tips:**
 - Have students color code purpose clues for each discipline.
 - Use think pair share before written responses.
 - Model one full annotation together before independent work.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Students bring in real examples of science, history, and technical writing.
 - Have students rewrite one passage with a **new purpose**.
 - Connect the skill to research projects across multiple subjects.

Technical Writing Passage

- Purpose: **to instruct**
- Evidence: insert, select, confirm, failure to follow these steps
- Discipline Connection: Technical writing focuses on **clear steps and precise actions**.

Reflection

- Purpose shifts because each discipline serves a different goal. Science shares data, history explains past events, and technical writing teaches how to complete tasks.