

Name _____

Author Intent Investigation Answer Key

1. to inform
2. to persuade
3. to entertain
4. to explain
5. to inform
6. to persuade
7. to entertain
8. to explain

Teacher's Guide

- **Differentiation:**
 - Review the four author goals with simple examples before starting.
 - Allow students to highlight clue words that signal **inform**, **entertain**, **persuade**, or **explain**.
 - Challenge advanced students to justify their answers using evidence from the text.
- **Engagement Tips:**
 - Read one passage aloud and have students vote on the purpose before writing.
 - Let students act out the entertaining passages.
 - Turn the activity into a quick team challenge with verbal responses.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Have students write one short paragraph for each author goal.
 - Sort classroom texts by author purpose.
 - Connect this lesson to writing instruction by labeling the goal before students begin their own compositions.