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River Watch

Directions: Read the passage.
Answer the questions about **why**
the author wrote the passage.



Each spring, volunteers gather along the Willow River to remove trash from the water and the riverbanks. Old bottles, plastic bags, and broken toys often wash into the river after heavy rains. Local students help by wearing gloves and using nets to collect the smaller pieces. After the cleanup, the river looks clearer, and fish can be seen swimming near the shore again.

1. What main topic is the author writing about?

2. Is the author trying to **inform**, **persuade**, or **entertain** the reader?

3. What details from the passage support your answer?

4. Why do you think the author wants readers to learn about this event?