

River Watch Answer Key

1. The passage is about a river cleanup led by volunteers and students.
2. The author is trying to **inform** the reader.
3. Details include volunteers gathering each spring, removing trash, and the river becoming clearer.
4. The author likely wants readers to understand the importance of keeping rivers clean and how people help.

Teacher's Guide:

- **Differentiation Tips**

- Review the meanings of inform, persuade, and entertain before students begin.
- Allow struggling readers to talk through their answers with a partner.
- Ask advanced students to identify one sentence that best shows the author's purpose.

- **Engagement Ideas**

- Create a class anchor chart with examples of each author purpose.
- Have students vote on the purpose and explain their reasoning aloud.
- Connect the passage to local environmental efforts or school projects.

- **Extension Activities**

- Have students rewrite the passage to change the author's purpose to persuade.
- Ask students to find a nonfiction book and identify its purpose.
- Let students create a short paragraph about an event and choose their own purpose.