Authors' Purpose

Authors always have a reason for writing and try to make the audience feel a certain way about their idea or topic. Sometimes the author wants to inform, or teach the reader about an idea. Sometimes their purpose is to persuade, or make readers agree with their idea. If the author writes a story, they want to entertain, but they might also teach readers an important lesson. Stories might be funny, sad, serious, adventurous, mysterious or romantic.

Great readers can figure out why the author wrote the text.