

AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

Author's purpose answers the question: Why did the author write this text?

An author always has a purpose for writing.

Authors may write:

- to inform
- to entertain
- to persuade

When an author writes to inform...

The author's desire is to TEACH readers about something in particular.

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Author's Point of View

An **author's point of view** refers to the perspective from which a story is being told.

FIRST PERSON:

- When a story is written in first person, the narrator is a participant IN the story.
- The narrator only knows about the other character's thoughts and actions as they are revealed during the story.
- Words often used when writing in first person: I, me, my, myself

THIRD PERSON:

There are several variations of writing in the third person point of view:

- **Third Person Omniscient:**

When a story is written in third person omniscient, the narrator is NOT in the story.

When writing in third person omniscient, the story is being told by from an OUTSIDE perspective - the narrator is able to reveal to the readers what is going on inside the heads of the characters, including how they feel and why they do what they do.

- **Third Person Objective:**

When a story is written in third person objective, the narrator can reveal what is happening with the characters, but can't go inside



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