

Author's Purpose • Alaska and Hawaii • 1

To help you figure out the author's purpose as you read, remember:

- The **author's purpose** is the reason why the author is writing something.
- The author's purpose can be to **inform**, to **persuade**, or to **entertain**.
- **Text clues** are words or sentences that reveal the author's purpose.

Read "Our Two Newest States."

Identify the author's purpose and mark the text.

Our Two Newest States

Alaska and Hawaii are new states. They joined the U.S.A. in 1959. The two states are special. Neither one is part of the U.S. mainland. Hawaii is in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. It is a chain of islands made by volcanoes. Alaska stretches north of the Arctic Circle. Much of it is covered by snow and ice. The two states are famous for their sights.

Author's Purpose Text Marks

- ✓ Check the author's purpose:
 - to inform
 - to persuade
 - to entertain
- Underline text clues.

Mark the Text

Identify the author's purpose.

- ✓ Check the author's purpose:
 - to inform
 - to persuade
 - to entertain
- Underline three examples of text clues for the purpose.

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Read "Visit a Volcano!" and "Under the Sea." Identify the author's purpose for each reading. Then mark the text.

Visit a Volcano!

1 Do you want a red-hot vacation? Come see Hawaii with Top Tours. Hawaii has the most active volcano in the world. Our volcano tour explodes with fun. You can see black sand beaches. You can walk across lava fields. You might even see red-hot lava. Call us today!

Under the Sea

2 Today, we went to Hanauma Bay on the island of Oahu. It is famous for its tropical fish. Dad rented snorkeling gear for us. We put on goggles and flippers. We fastened our breathing tubes. Then we dove into the water.

Wow! Fish were all around us. We saw red, blue, yellow, and striped fish. They swam right by my goggles. Pretty soon, I felt like a fish myself. I love Hawaii!



Mark the Text

- 1** Identify the author's purpose.
- ✓ Check the author's purpose:
- to inform
 - to persuade
 - to entertain
- Underline two examples of text clues.
- 2** Identify the author's purpose.
- ✓ Check the author's purpose:
- to inform
 - to persuade
 - to entertain
- Underline two examples of text clues.

Read "The Biggest State" and "Ride the Whale Watcher."
Identify the author's purpose for each reading.
Then mark the text.



The Biggest State

1 Alaska is the biggest state of all. It is over twice the size of Texas. Alaska is about 1,400 miles long. It is 2,700 miles wide. Everything in this state is big. Most of the highest mountains in the country are here. Denali is the largest national park in the country. You can see some really big grizzly bears there!

Ride the Whale Watcher

2 Are you planning a trip to Alaska? Don't forget to see the whales! Take the best trip ever on one of our Whale Watcher boats. In the spring, you'll see gray whales. In the summer, you can spot humpback whales and orcas, or killer whales. See an orca jump out of the water and do a back flip. The whales are waiting for you in Alaska. Come for an amazing ride on the Whale Watcher!

Mark the Text

- 1** Identify the author's purpose.
- ✓ Check the author's purpose:
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 - to persuade
 - to entertain
- Underline two examples of text clues.
- 2** Identify the author's purpose.
- ✓ Check the author's purpose:
- to inform
 - to persuade
 - to entertain
- Underline two examples of text clues.