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Author's Purpose Activity

Directions: Read the descriptions of each item and determine the author's purpose in writing it (to entertain, persuade, or inform). Then, in a sentence or two, explain your answer.

1. A story about a family trying to stick together and survive through the Great Depression in the Midwest in the 1930s

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

2. A section in a history book describing the conditions and causes of the Great Depression in the Midwest in the 1930s

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

3. An instructional booklet describing how to operate an MP3 player

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

4. An article where the author argues that an IPOD music player is better than a ZUNE

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

5. A poem about why the IPOD is the greatest consumer electronic device ever made

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

6. The story of a young athlete who takes steroids and his life and future fall apart

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

7. A medical report describing the effects of steroids on the human body

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

8. A speech written by Jose Canseco listing the negative effects of steroids and urging young athletes to not use steroids

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

9. A booklet containing the school rules and the consequences for violating those rules

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

10. A story written about a young boy who moves to a new school and is bullied, but he gains self-confidence by joining a sports team and learns to stand up for himself.

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.