

Authors write to for many different purposes:

- To **inform** or **explain** their readers;
- To **entertain** their readers;
- To **express an opinion** to readers;
- To **persuade** readers to do or believe something

An author may have more than one purpose for writing, but usually one is the most important. Sometimes the purpose is directly stated or sometimes it is not. You may have to infer the purpose from the author's statements or from the theme (message about life) of the work.

Directions- Look back through the biography and your cause/ effect timeline for statements, words and details that indicate what the purpose and theme of the biography. Indicate that purpose AFTER recording the evidence below.

Direct Statements, Descriptive Words and other details	What these details tell readers about the purpose and theme of Roosevelt's biography
The author's purpose of this biography is	One major theme of this biography is

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