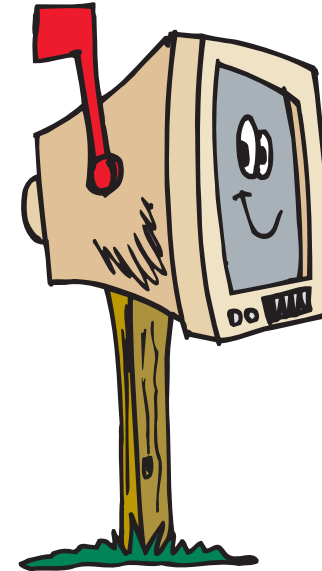


Lesson 1

Author's Purpose

Focus:

Today, we will discuss different reasons for writing. We will evaluate how the reason (purpose) for writing changes the content and message of a passage.



Statement of Importance:

It is important to understand an **author's purpose** for writing a passage or story. Authors write to **inform** readers about factual information, to **entertain** readers with humor about certain topics, to **explain** the sequence or procedures of a topic, or to **persuade** the reader to believe things happened exactly as the author thinks they happened. Authors also use a **character's point of view** to show the reader a different view of the same topic or story.

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Across the Curriculum Goals:

Math – Check to see that the facts in story problems are accurate

Science – Carefully read scientific information and decide if it presents facts or if an author has presented his/her view on the facts

Social Studies – Carefully read historical events and evaluate the author's reason for writing them

Language Arts – Write more effectively by deciding on your reason, or purpose, for writing

Objective:

At the close of the lesson, the students will be able to determine the reason (**purpose**) an author has written a passage.



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Objective: Students will brainstorm different reasons to write and send e-mail

CLASSROOM RULES FOR COMPUTER USE

- Save often.
- No food or drink are allowed by the computer.
- Take turns using the computer.
- Sign in under your password only.



CLASSROOM RULES FOR SENDING AND RECEIVING E-MAILS

- Sign in under your password only.
- Don't open attachments from someone you don't know.
- Watch your language.
- Never give out personal information.

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Initial Instruction—To Inform

To Inform:

“The History of Electronic Mail”

Did you know that e-mail is older than the personal computer? It's true! PCs, like the one in your home or classroom, first appeared in 1975. But as early as 1963, the United States military was storing research information on giant supercomputers. They needed a way to get this data directly from one computer to another. A man named J.C.R. Licklider got the job done. He found a way to connect these supercomputers in order to share the stored knowledge. Licklider gave his invention a fancy name—the Intergalactic Computer Network. By 1970, research computers were sending messages back and forth across the country. This sharing and sending of data was the beginning of e-mail and the resource we call the internet.

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Initial Instruction—Character

Character:

“If Your Inbox Could Talk”

Good morning! Wanting to check your e-mail before school? Okay, then just log on, type in your password, and we're ready to go. Oh, wow, you have 47 new messages! 16 of them are in your junk mail box. What? You're going to throw them out without even reading them? Well, they were probably all spam anyway. Now, let's get down to business. This one's from Aunt Kathy. She always sends the best jokes! Here's one from your friend George. You'll want to reply to this one when you finish reading all the others. All done? Send your reply to the out box. Logging off already? All right, then see you after school. Bye!

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