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Author's Purpose Worksheet 4

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

1. A one page printout showing how to put together a coffee table that came in a box

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

2. A speech in which a student promises daily pizza rations if he is elected class president

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

3. A picture book about a dog that gets lost on a family vacation and has to find his way home

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

4. A timeline showing important events from the American Civil War

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

5. An internet ad banner telling you to click it for a free iPhone

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

6. A small book about a boy who loses his Mom's cell phone and learns that telling the truth is the most important thing

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

7. An orange sign advising drivers that the road beyond is under construction

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

8. A script for a school play about a girl who is unexpectedly rewarded for her kind deeds

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

9. A classified ad in which the seller lists a chair in good condition for ten dollars or best offer

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.

10. A poem about a very comfortable chair in which the speaker could rest for eternity

Author's Purpose: _____

Explain Your Answer:

Write a sentence or two.