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### Author's Purpose Activity

**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 story about a family trying to stick together and survive through Apartheid.

Author's Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain Your Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. A section in a history book describing Apartheid and life during Apartheid.

Author's Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain Your Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. An instructional booklet describing how to operate a smart phone.

Author's Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain Your Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. An article where the author argues that an iPhone is better than an Android phone.

Author's Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain Your Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Author's Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain Your Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Author's Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain Your Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. A medical report describing the effects of steroids on the human body.

Author's Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain Your Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. A speech written by a professional athlete listing the negative effects of steroids and urging young athletes to not use steroids.

Author's Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain Your Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. A booklet containing the school rules and the consequences for violating those rules.

Author's Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain Your Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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