

# AUTHOR'S PURPOSE TASK CARDS

## AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

You found a graph and a short article in Time for Kids describing favorite types of aerobic sports. The article encourages you to consider increasing the amount of time spent on aerobic

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You just read a magazine article about volcanoes. It said that volcanoes are found in many places around the world and can be active, or extinct.

What is

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You just read the story of a cheetah named Savanna at the Cincinnati Zoo who has been friends with a dog named Max, since she was a

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5 What is the author's purpose?

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## AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

You read a chapter in your science book about how bananas are grown in the tropics around the world. You learn that the people who live in these tropical areas eat bananas as part of their daily diet.

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3<sup>RD</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADES

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# 32 TASK CARDS

**Author's  
purpose quick  
and focused  
practice!**

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**What is the author's purpose?**

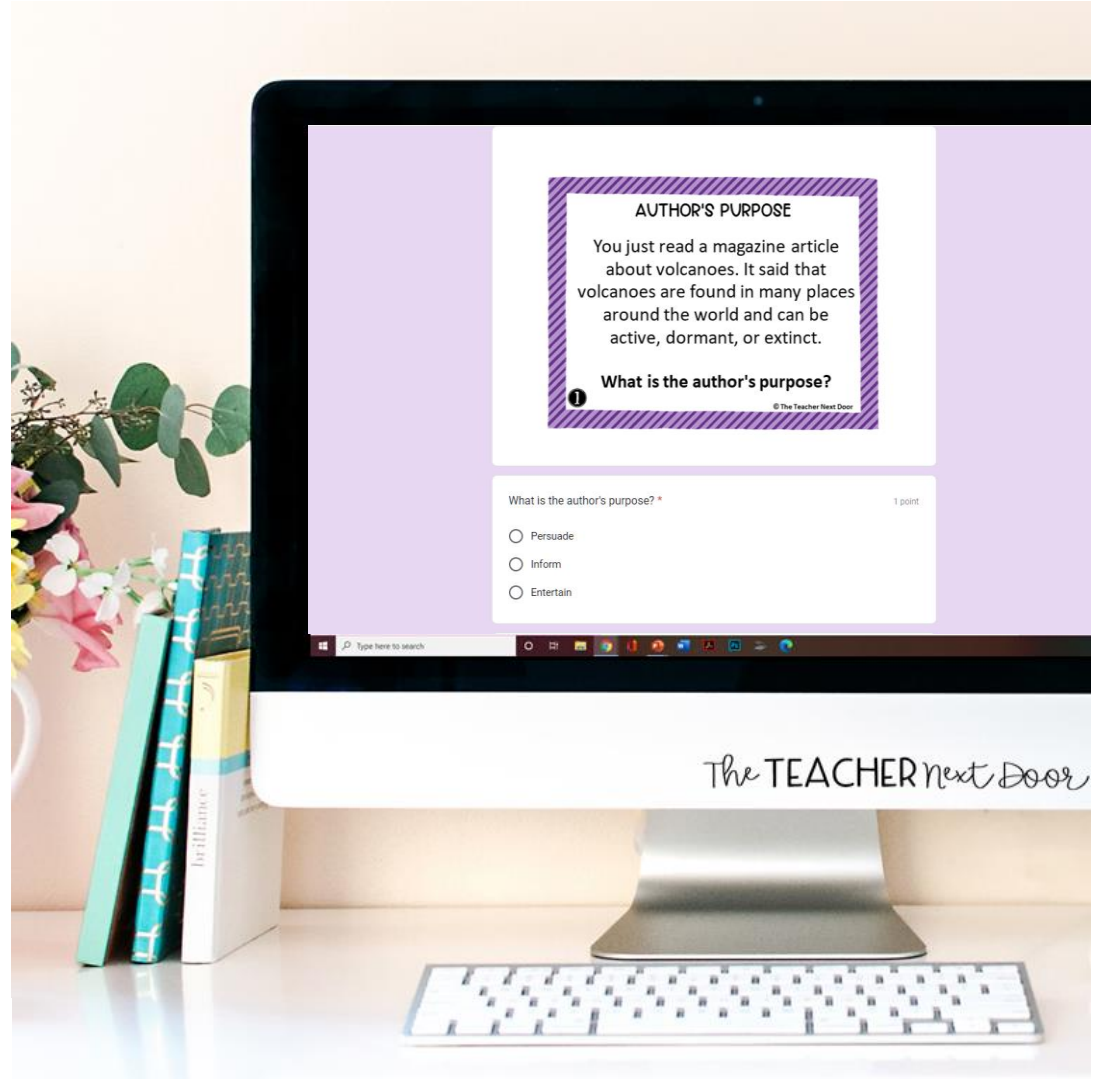
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**AUTHOR'S PURPOSE**

You just finished reading a political speech by a well-known politician who spoke about the need for everyone to do his/her part to conserve water.

**What is the author's purpose?**

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**Can be used for:**

- **Literacy Centers**
- **Small Groups**
- **Partner Practice**

# PRINT AND DIGITAL FORMATS

Self-grading in  
Google Forms™

Paperless version is  
**NO PREP!**

**AUTHOR'S PURPOSE**

You just read an advertisement by the local ice cream shop for their birthday sundae special. The ad mentions that their ice cream is made from all natural ingredients and was voted the tastiest in town.

What is the author's purpose?

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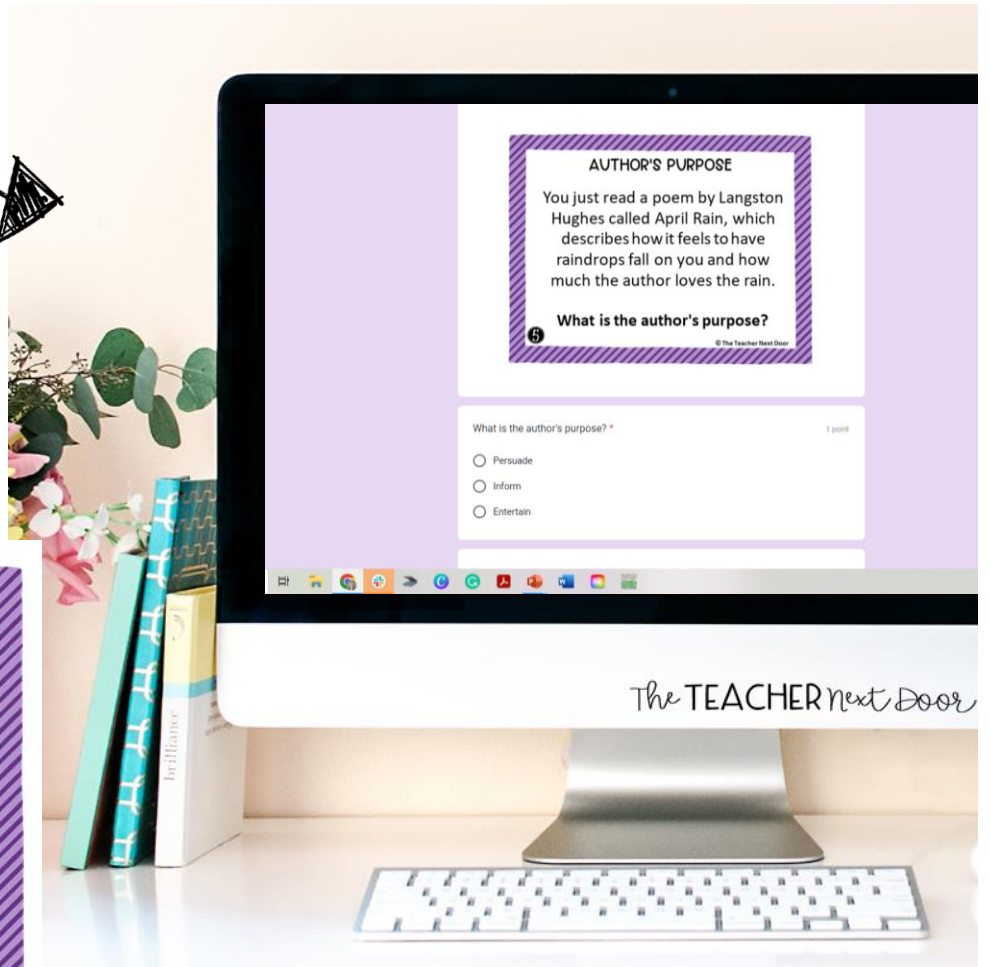
**AUTHOR'S PURPOSE**

You just finished reading a trickster tale from Africa called *Anansi and the Strange Moss Covered Rock*. The story centered around Anansi, who played tricks on the animals of the forest.

What is the author's purpose?

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**WORKS WELL FOR:**

- Independent Work
- One-to-One Instruction
- Exit Slips

# KIDS LOVE USING TASK CARDS!

Less intimidating than longer passages!

Add a board game for extra fun!



Can be used for:

- Whole Class Games
- SCOOT
- Scavenger Hunts

# TEACHERS ARE SAYING THIS:

The kids loved using these to quiz each other! They were having great discussions and explaining to each other why it is a certain purpose.  
(Caitlyn K.)

This resource offered a great learning experience for my students.  
(Yulanda M.)

An excellent resource that covers all needed aspects of author's purpose. GREAT practice for students. (Britta U.)

Sometimes it's hard to find resources for authors purpose that are higher level and this was just what I needed.  
(Ashley B.)



# Need MORE task cards? SAVE MORE with the **Task Cards Bundle!**

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## READING **TASK CARD** **BUNDLE: 512 TASK CARDS**

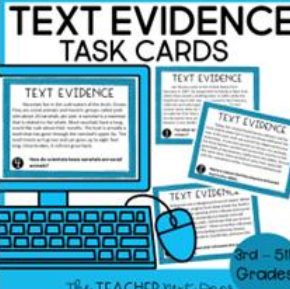
**THEME TASK CARDS**



4th/5th Grades

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**TEXT EVIDENCE TASK CARDS**



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**INFERENCES 2 SETS OF 32 TASK CARDS**



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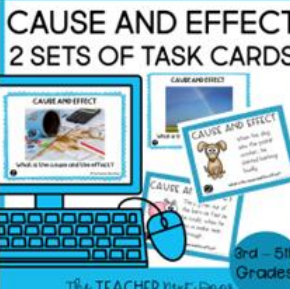
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**CAUSE AND EFFECT 2 SETS OF TASK CARDS**



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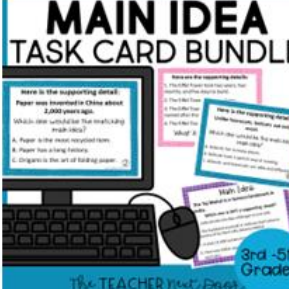
**INFERENCES 2 SETS OF 32 TASK CARDS**



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**MAIN IDEA TASK CARD BUNDLE**



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**CHARACTER TRAITS TASK CARDS**



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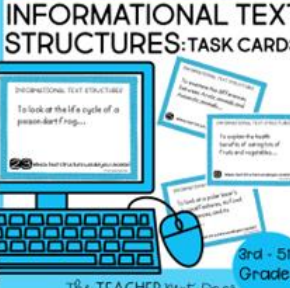
**MAIN IDEA 32 TASK CARDS, RECORD SHEET, AND ANSWER KEY**



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**INFORMATIONAL TEXT STRUCTURES: TASK CARDS**



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**POINT OF VIEW TASK CARDS**



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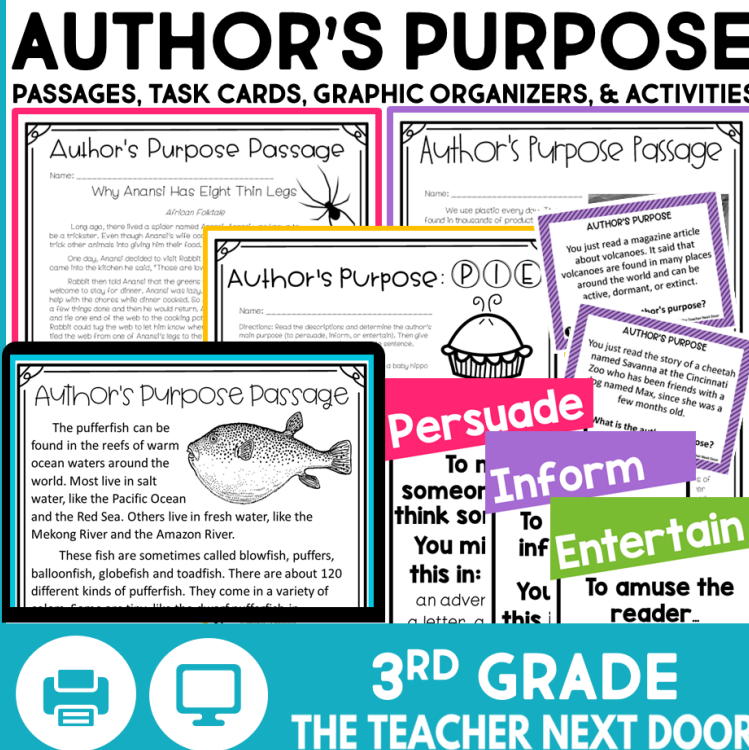
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**FOCUSED PRACTICE**  
3rd - 5th GRADES



# Looking for MORE Author's Purpose practice?

## AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

PASSAGES, TASK CARDS, GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS, & ACTIVITIES



This preview shows several worksheets for 3rd grade. One worksheet is titled 'Author's Purpose Passage' with the text 'Why Anansi Has Eight Thin Legs' and an illustration of a spider. Another shows a pufferfish with the text 'The pufferfish can be found in the reefs of warm ocean waters around the world.' A third shows a cupcake with the text 'We use puffs every day.' A fourth shows a cheetah with the text 'You just read a magazine article about volcanoes.' A graphic organizer in the center lists three purposes: Persuade (To n someone think so), Inform (To inf this in: an adver a letter a this), and Entertain (To amuse the reader).

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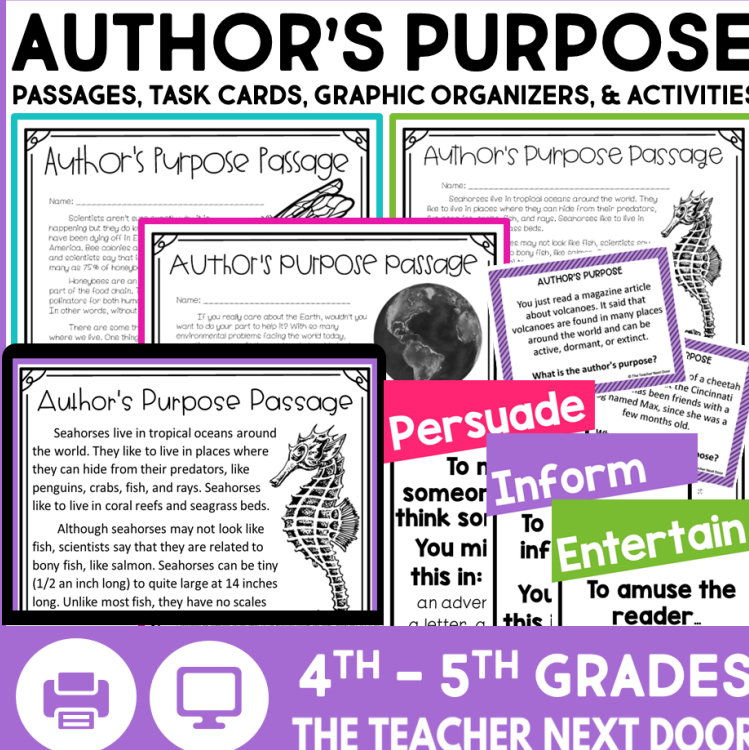
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*Raegan D. said:*



“So easy for the students and they were really engaged in the informational texts that were provided!”

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This preview shows several worksheets for 4th-5th grades. One worksheet is titled 'Author's Purpose Passage' with the text 'Seahorses live in tropical oceans around the world.' Another shows a globe with the text 'If you really care about the Earth, wouldn't you want to do your part to help it? With so many environmental problems facing the world today.' A third shows a cheetah with the text 'You just read a magazine article about volcanoes.' A graphic organizer in the center lists three purposes: Persuade (To n someone think so), Inform (To inf this in: an adver a letter a this), and Entertain (To amuse the reader).

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*Brittany H. said:*

“This resource really helped me with teaching Author's Purpose. The reading passages were great. I love that some were multiple choice and some were open ended. Everything in this resource is very helpful. Definitely recommend.”

**At [The Teacher Next Door](#), we know that you strive to be an effective reading teacher while maintaining a healthy work-life balance. In order to do that, you need resources that are impactful, yet simple. The problem is that most reading resources and curriculums out there are far from simple. The pages upon pages of daily lesson plans are just plain overwhelming. We believe teachers should be living their lives outside the classroom, and not spending hours lesson planning and searching for resources.**

**Now, more than ever, teachers need space to be themselves which is why we create and support teachers with timesaving tips and standards-aligned resources.**

**[We can't wait to help you get started.](#)**

**A NOTE ABOUT OUR CEO AND FOUNDER: Jenn Larson is the creator and founder of The Teacher Next Door. With over 20 years of experience in the classroom and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, Jenn specializes in creating resources for upper elementary students. Her goal is to support teachers by providing ready-to-use resources that target standards and help students grow in amazing ways.**

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