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Answers (Answers will vary)

Write with a Purpose!

Writers have different purposes for writing, and these purposes impact both what they write and how they write it.

Sometimes a writer might write a story to **entertain** the reader. The purpose might be to make the reader laugh or enjoy an exciting story.

If a writer wants to **persuade** a reader, the writer wants to convince the reader to change an opinion or act in a certain way.

When writers want to **explain** with their writing, they want to help the reader understand a specific topic or situation.

Instructions: Use the reader, background, and purpose of writing supplied below to begin planning what you will write about, and how you will write it. Create a graphic organizer or list in the space below to explain your thinking. The first example is done for you.

Example:

Reader: Parent

Background: I would like to go to the zoo with my friends tomorrow.

Purpose: Persuade

- I can write a letter to the parent.
- In my letter, I can include reasons why it would be a good idea for me to go to the zoo:
 - I can learn about many types of animals.
 - I can spend time with my friends.
 - My mom or dad will have some time to go grocery shopping.

1. Reader: Governor

Background: The roads are damaged and in need of repair.

Purpose: Persuade

- I can write a letter to the governor.
- I will write with the purpose of asking the governor to hire more workers to fix the roads.
- I can include the reasons why the roads should be repaired:
 - Damaged roads can cause accidents.
 - Damaged roads are unsightly.
 - Cars might be damaged if they hit a pothole.



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2. Reader: Grandmother

Background: The grandchild went on a family trip and wants to tell the grandmother about it.

Purpose: Explain

- I can write a narrative, such as a group of journal entries that detail my experiences.
- I can organize my writing by the days of my trip.
- I can write about the beginning, middle, and end of my trip.



3. Reader: Younger brother or sister

Background: The younger brother or sister wants to hear an exciting story.

Purpose: Entertain

- I can make a book for my younger brother or sister.
- In the book, I can include a suspenseful story about a character's trip to an amusement park.
- The book will have imaginary characters and an imaginary plot.



4. Reader: Student

Background: The student is interested in learning more about an animal.

Purpose: Explain

- I can write a report about my favorite animal.
- The report will have headings and complete explanations.
- I will include lots of information about the animal so that the student can learn a lot about the animal.

