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## Author's Purpose Sort It Out!

### Teacher Directions:

1. Cut out the sample text cards below (there are 30 total).
2. Hand out one card to each student.
3. Hang the three *Author's Purpose* signs in three corners of the room and instruct students to stand near the author's purpose that matches up with their card.
4. Collect the cards, mix them up, and repeat.

### Alternative Activities:

- Hold up one of the *Author's Purpose* cards and ask students to give examples of places they've seen that type of text in real life (i.e., billboards, commercials, textbooks).
- Have students work independently or with a group to sort the entire set of cards into three groups, based on the three types of author's purpose.
- Play a scoot game! Mix up the cards and number them. Then, place the text cards around the room. Have students use a notebook and walk around the room, identifying the author's purpose for each piece of text and writing down their (numbered) answers for each card.

**The development of a reliable steam engine in the late 1700s sparked the Industrial Revolution.**

**Erosion is the process of materials moving from their source to another location through weathering.**

**Students should have access to computers at school. Studies show it improves student learning.**

**You should never tell a lie. Abraham Lincoln was known for being truthful and he is an excellent role model.**

**One afternoon, a lost puppy followed Xander home. He asked his mom if he could keep it, and she said yes!**

**In the year 3659, the first alien spaceship landed on Earth. After that, human beings were wiped from existence.**

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**Igneous, metamorphic,  
and sedimentary are  
three types of rocks.**

**Can you believe cats  
sleep 12-16 hours  
per day?**

**Did you know that a shark  
is the only known fish  
that can blink with both eyes?**

**Did you know that Maine is the  
only state in the United States  
that has a one-syllable name?**

**During the Revolutionary  
War, the 13 American colonies  
fought for independence  
from British Rule.**

**You should know that the human  
brain is made up of three different  
parts: the cerebrum, the  
cerebellum, and the brain stem.**

**There are 24 time  
zones on Earth.**

**The first 10 amendments  
to the Constitution of the  
United States are called  
the Bill of Rights.**

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**You should watch  
"Toy Story" before  
watching its sequel.**

**The chocolate ice cream at  
the deli on Third Street  
is the best in town.**

**Don't eat the meat surprise  
in the cafeteria!**

**It's important to brush  
your teeth twice a day  
to prevent cavities.**

**Students should have at least 15  
minutes of recess during a school  
day. After all, students shouldn't  
be expected to sit all day!**

**Did you know that the  
roller coaster at  
Adventure Town is the  
best ride in the country?**

**If you buy the J-500s,  
you'll be able to run  
faster and jump higher!**

**Make sure to sleep at least  
eight hours every night.  
Doctors say that healthy  
sleep can prevent illness!**

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Once upon a time, a terrible ogre kidnapped princess Leona. For 16 years, she was locked away in his dungeon.

Thirty red balloons floated up into the sky. Valerie watched them in awe, wondering where they would end up.

During the Industrial Revolution, Jacob worked hard at the local factory. He hated the long hours, but he knew his family counted on him.

Long ago, in a deep, mysterious forest, a tiny fairy was born.

Elizabeth lay awake in her bed, nervously listening to the sounds of cannons in the distance. It was 1775, the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

Harold the Hippo danced across the plains and dove gracefully into the watering hole.

At the peak of the Great Depression, Tom was excited to learn that his family would leave their farm in Oklahoma and move to California.

At Disneyland I saw all the characters from "Moana" and I got to ride four roller coasters!

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**persuade**

**inform**

**entertain**