Tips for Determining the Author’s Purpose:

- Based on the title, why do you think the author wrote this selection?
- Which words do you think best describe the main reason the author wrote this selection: to provide readers with information? To describe a person, event, or issue? To express their own thoughts and feelings? To persuade readers to think about an issue in a certain way and to take action? Or to entertain the reader?
- Why did the author write the article from a particular point of view?
- How did the author influence your response to the selection?
- Was the author’s purpose specifically stated? Were their statements of opinion? Declarative statements?
- Do you think that the author achieved his/her intended purposes? Did the article effectively give information? Entertain readers? Express the author’s thoughts and feelings? Persuade readers to think about an issue and/or take action?
- What examples from the text support your conclusions about author’s purpose?