

# Why We Write

Why does an author write a story or an article? Most authors write to entertain, to express an opinion, to share information, or to persuade the reader to think or do something. Many times, an author tries to accomplish more than one of these goals in a single story. In this activity, you will consider "From Baghdad With Love" and identify the author's purpose.

**Directions:** Fill in the boxes below with examples from the article.

<p><b>TO ENTERTAIN:</b> What parts of the article entertained you?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p><b>TO EXPRESS:</b> What did you learn about the author's opinion?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p><b>TO SHARE:</b> What information did you learn from the article?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p><b>TO PERSUADE:</b> What was the author trying to persuade you to think or do?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

**What was the author's primary purpose? Pick one from above and explain your answer using details from the article.**

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