

Cornell Note

## Author's Purpose in Scientific Texts

## Today's Standard

11-12.RST.6 - Analyze the author's purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing an experiment in a text, identifying important issues that remain unresolved.

Cues	Notes
Author's Purpose	Author's purpose: Explain, describe, discuss
Key Components	Identify main ideas vs. supplementary details
Unresolved Issues	Unresolved issues: Highlight further research areas
Scientific Inquiry	Scientific inquiry: Natural part of research
Critical Evaluation	Critical evaluation: Assessing scientific literature

## Summary

Understanding the author's purpose in scientific texts involves analyzing explanations, procedures, and experiments, and identifying unresolved issues. This skill is essential for critical evaluation and further research.