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Author's Purpose in Scientific Texts

Today's Standard

6-8.RST.6 - Analyze the author's purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing an experiment in a text.

Cues	Notes
What is the author's purpose?	Author's purpose can vary: to inform, explain, describe, or discuss.
How to identify explanations in texts?	Explanations often provide detailed information about a concept.
VA/II I	Procedures describe step-by-step processes.
What are procedures in scientific writing?	Discussions of experiments include methods, results, and implications.
How do authors discuss experiments?	

Summary

Understanding the author's purpose in scientific texts helps in comprehending and critically evaluating the information presented.