



## 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.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing scientific journal articles; Evaluating technical manuals; Interpreting lab reports; Critiquing scientific documentaries; Assessing research papers

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to understand why an author wrote a scientific text. We looked at how they explain things, describe steps, or talk about experiments.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might think that every part of a scientific text is equally important. They might also think that if there are unanswered questions, it means the research is bad. But that's not true!

### Quiz Me

- What is the author's purpose?
- What are key components in a text?
- What are unresolved issues?
- Why are unresolved issues important?
- How can we evaluate scientific texts?

### Help Me

This standard helps us understand why scientists write what they do. We can use these skills to read and understand scientific articles, manuals, and reports better.