

# Point of View, Bias, Fact/Opinion, Purpose, Tone



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# Author's Point of View



- The term ***point of view*** connotes thoughtfulness or openness.
- Recognizing the author's point of view is a major part of understanding what you read.
- When the author's point of view is not stated, you must recognize the choice of words, facts and opinions to detect it.

# Author's Point of View--Bias



- The terms ***point of view*** and ***bias*** are similar and sometimes interchangeable.
- When facts are slanted toward the author's personal beliefs, the written material is said to be bias.
- A bias, like a point of view, is an opinion or position on a subject.
- Bias has a negative connotation that suggests prejudice.

# Reader's Point of View



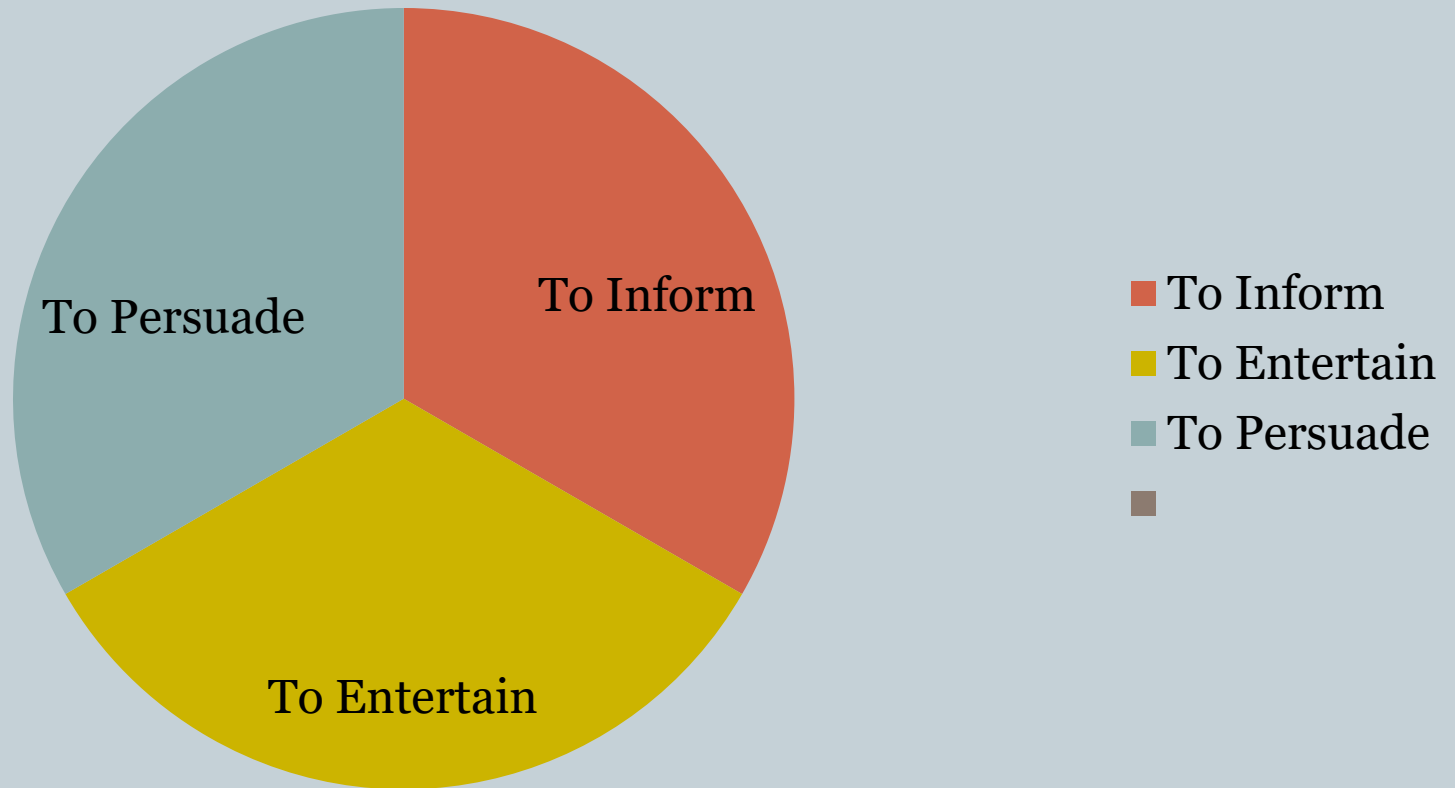
- The opinions we have affect how open we are to accepting or rejecting what we read.
- We need to recognize our own prejudices(biases) as well as those held by the author.
- Open your mind to new opinions, then consider them and decided what you will believe.

# Facts & Opinions



- A fact is a statement based on evidence or personal observation; it can be proved to be true or false.
- An opinion is a statement of personal judgment; it reflects a belief or personal feeling and it **cannot** be proved true or false.
  - Even if you feel an opinion is valid, it is still an opinion.

# Author's Purpose



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- **To Inform:** inform, explain, educate, enlighten
- **To Persuade:** persuade, argue, condemn, ridicule
- **To Entertain:** entertain, narrate, describe, shock

# Author's Tone



- The tone of an author's writing is similar to the tone of a speaker's voice.
- The tone of an author's writing is how he/she expresses can be referred to as "attitude".
- Tone has to do with "feeling".



# Activity



- Should college athletes be paid beyond scholarships?
  - With a partner, take 5 minutes to:
  - Answer the questions with the following tones:
    - ✦ 1. Detached
    - ✦ 2. Cheerful
    - ✦ 3. Outraged