

## Oral and Written Communication

- Determining Main Idea & Author's Purpose
- Identifying Supporting Details
- Understanding Tone and Audience

Passage Title:

Read the article and examine the following:

### CONCERN

*what is the author's interest or concern?*

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### AUDIENCE

*who is the author addressing?*

**specific:** *who is the ideal reader?*

**general:** *who does the author want to know about this?*

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### PURPOSE

*why is the author writing this? (circle the MAIN reason)*

to persuade

to show a cause/effect

to explain

to divide into parts

to analyze

to define

to compare/contrast

to classify

to illustrate  
*(give examples)*

### Supporting DETAILS

*list four (4) details from the passage that supports why you think the author's main purpose is what you circled*

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### TONE

*how does the author feel about the topic?*

### MAIN IDEA

*what is the main idea of the passage overall?*

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