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Why is it important to know what the author's purpose is for a piece of writing?

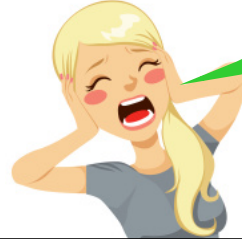
What are the three reasons an author might write something? (From yesterday)

Agenda

1. 3rd/4th Finish identifying purpose
2. 2nd/5th Fact/Opinion/Theory
3. Find Fact/Opinion/Theory in an Article

How do we know if it's a **fact**, a **theory** based on data, an **opinion** or **speculation**?

"Don't believe everything you read on the Internet!"



	Definition	Evidence	Example
Fact	something that can't be argued, it happened, it exists	You can easily prove it. You know it to be true or have experience. You cross check it easily.	Space travel is a fact Dodos are extinct
Theory (Reasoned Judgement)	A reasonable idea based on research, data and experimentation/observation	there is actual data, resources, references,	Eating too much trans-fats lead to heart disease http://www.medicine.ox.ac.uk/bandolier/booth/hliving/tfachd.html http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/GettingHealthy/NutritionCenter/HealthyEating/Trans-Fats_UCM_301120_Article.jsp http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMra054035 http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/high-blood-cholesterol/in-depth/trans-fat/art-20046114
Opinion or Speculation	a personal view, judgment, or prediction that is not necessarily based on facts, or knowledge	No supporting data, facts, research or references. <i>"I think, I believe, I expect,..."</i>	Dairy is bad for you.

Find Facts/Opinions/Theories

1. Put your Name on the article given to you
2. Read the article
3. Highlight, mark, underline statements made by people or authors.
4. Label them as Fact, Opinion, or Theory
5. You must highlight three of any time of statement.
6. Share at least one with your group
7. Turn it into the basket.

STUDENT NOTES

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