

Reading with a Purpose

A Reading Strategy

Setting a specific purpose before reading helps readers understand what is important to recall and remember during and after reading.

When you set a purpose, you are identifying *why* you want to read.

Why read?

- For fun
- To get information
- To learn how to do something
- To help make a decision

Can you think of any others?

Activity: The House

- Through this activity, you will understand the importance of setting a purpose for reading in order to improve your comprehension.
 1. On your first reading, **highlight in yellow** what you feel is important information to recall and understand.
 2. On your second reading, **highlight in pink** the important information for a burglar to identify and remember.
 3. On your final reading, **highlight in green** the information in the story that would be important if you were considering buying the house.

Conclusions

- Do you see how the meaning of the text changed based on the purpose you set before you even started to read?
- Having a purpose allowed you to focus on the important information while you read, so you didn't forget the important details by the time you were finished.

Author's Purpose

First, think about why the author wrote it and why we need to read it:

1. **P**ersuade – to convince us of something
2. **I**nform – to give you information about a topic
3. **E**ntertain – to tell you a story you will enjoy

