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# Minna and the Canine Club

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The Author's main purpose was to entertain. The book had humor and it made you laugh.

Also, it focused on the characters and what they were doing.

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*Minna and the Canine Club* did not try to persuade you to think or do anything. It did not inform you or provide any information about a specific topic.

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Answers will vary. The following are examples.

*Charlotte's Web*- The author's purpose was to entertain

*Where the Red Fern Grows*- The author's purpose was to entertain

*Wonder*- The author's purpose was to entertain

*Scholastic Kids' Almanac*- The author's purpose was to inform

*First Facts About American Heroes*- The author's purpose was to inform