

- An **author's purpose** is the author's reason for writing. An author may write to inform or teach, to entertain, to persuade, or to express thoughts and feelings.

Directions Read the story. Then complete the web.

I asked Dad for a new bike. "You must learn half the money," said Dad.

I ran to ask the neighbors whether they had any jobs I could do. Mrs. Jones hired me to pull weeds. I worked hard, but when Mrs. Jones came out of her house, she shouted, "You pulled up my good flowers!" I got my piggy bank and gave Mrs. Jones money for new flower seeds.

Mr. Chester hired me to walk his dogs.

Everything went well until the dogs saw a squirrel. They barked and jumped. Before I knew it, the leashes were tied around my legs. Mr. Chester cut off the leashes to free me. I went to my piggy bank to get Mr. Chester money for new leashes.

Then I decided to talk with Dad. "Dad," I said. "I can't afford to keep working. I think I'll just paint my old bike."

"Good thinking," Dad answered.

1. The narrator's goal is

2. When the narrator pulls weeds,

5. The author's purpose for writing this story is

3. When the narrator walks dogs,

4. How did the story make you feel?