YOUR ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE • LEVEL X • 1

SKILL: AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

INSTRUCTIONS: Read each passage from the book. Decide if the author's purpose is to *teach, entertain,* or *persuade,* or if the author has more than one purpose in the passage. Write the clues that helped you decide.

Text	Author's Purpose	Clues
You must be 35 years old (uh oh—does this mean you'll be putting your campaign off for a few years?)(page 5)		
You can only serve two terms (eight years) total. So, if you're on your second term—it might be time to think about changing careers. (page 5)		
It isn't a requirement, but you'll most likely want to be a politician before you run for president. Voters tend to prefer presidential candidates who have proven their experience in government and with leading people. (page 6)		
If you're not a millionaire, don't worry, you're not out of the running. (page 15)		
Winning the popular vote does not mean that you've won the election. (page 18)		
When a presidential candidate knows the other side has won, the losing candidate gives a concession speech. (Let's hope it's not you.) (page 20)		
You will pledge to "faithfully execute the office of President of the United States" (page 22)		



INSTRUCTIONS: Before reading, write what you know or think each word means. After reading the book, make a \checkmark if your prediction was correct, or write the correct meaning of the word.

Word	Before Reading Predicted Meaning	After Reading Correct	After Reading Revised Meaning
campaign			
caucus			
Constitution			
convention			
delegates			
electors			
nominee			
political party			
politician			
primaries			