

Name _____

muttered
legendarygaped
flukeinsult
flinched

snickering

Choose the correct word from the box to complete each sentence.

1. Jorge was angry because Tammy kept _____ when he struck out.
2. Jackie Robinson was a _____ baseball player. He was famous for his many skills.
3. When she missed the throw to first base, Danisha _____ quietly to herself.
4. I was so shocked when we won the baseball game that I _____ at my teammates in surprise.
5. When a baseball team wins by 12 runs, you hope it isn't just a _____.
6. I _____ when the ball came close to me.
7. Carla told Jefferson that he was a bad player. That was an _____.

Use three of the above words in sentences of your own.

8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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An author has a purpose when he or she writes. Usually authors write to **entertain**, to **inform**, or to **persuade**.

Read the passages and answer the questions.

Theo sat on the bench and watched as Molly went to bat. She took a big swing at the first pitch and missed. On the next pitch she surprised everyone and bunted the ball. It rolled slowly towards third base, and Molly sprinted to first. She got to first safely. Theo thought to himself, "Wow, that was pretty tricky. The fielders thought that she was going to hit the ball hard, so they weren't ready for that bunt. Maybe I could try that some time."

1. What was the author's purpose in writing this story? _____
2. What helped you decide on the author's purpose?

Jackie Robinson is a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame. Born in 1919 in Cairo, Georgia, Robinson went to college at the University of California in Los Angeles. He played baseball after college and became the first African American baseball player in the major leagues. He played for the Brooklyn Dodgers for ten years. During that time they won six pennants. Robinson stole home 19 times and was named the Most Valuable Player in 1949.

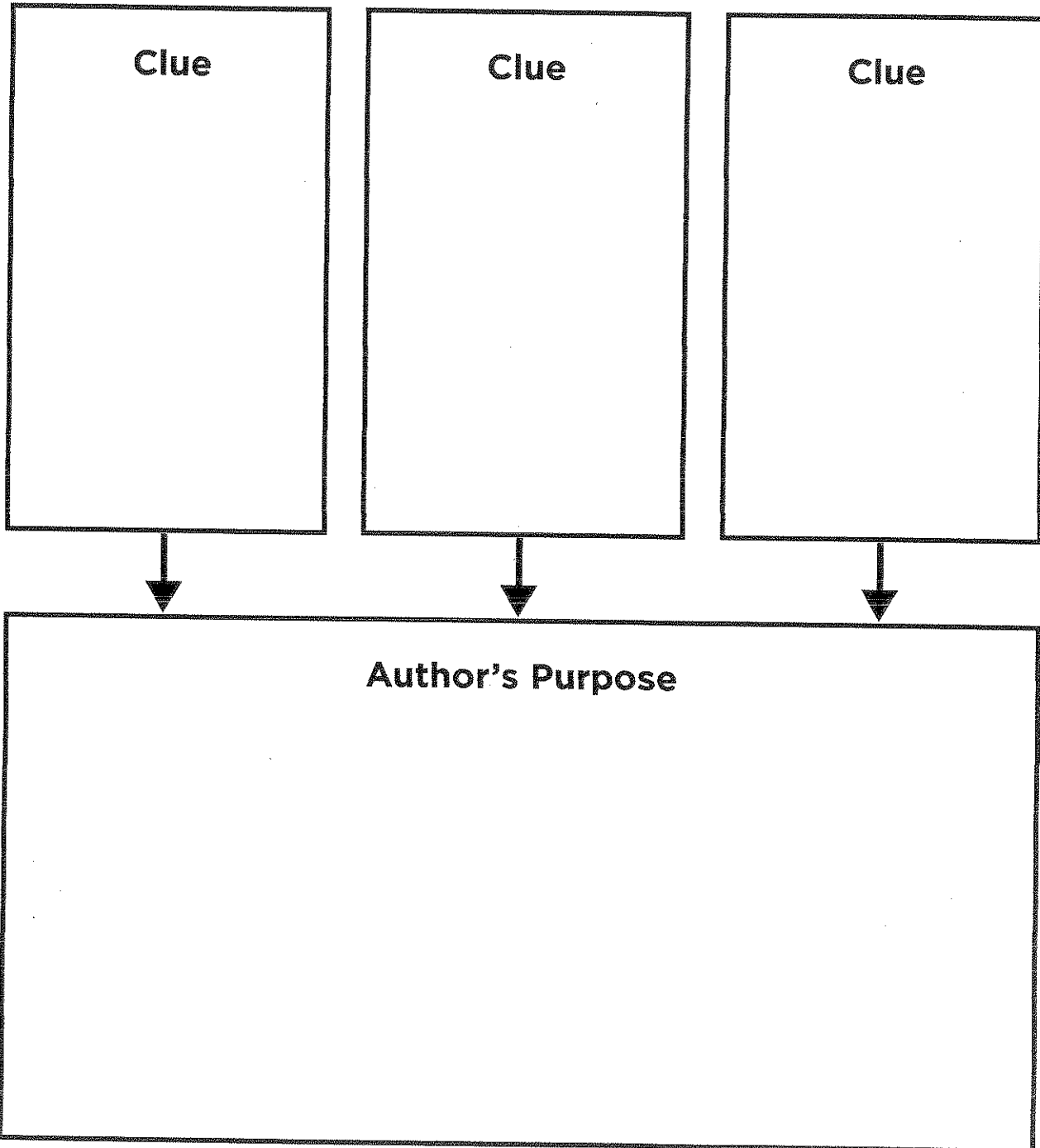
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Comprehension:
Author's Purpose

As you read *Mighty Jackie*, fill in the Author's Purpose Map.



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How does the information you wrote in the Author's Purpose Map help you to analyze and make inferences about *Mighty Jackie*?



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As I read, I will pay attention to pauses, stops, and intonation.

8 Mildred Ella Didrikson was born on June 26, 1914, in
 18 Port Arthur, Texas. Mildred's father built a gym for his
 27 children in the backyard. The children played many sports,
 37 including baseball. Mildred was a good hitter. So the boys
 45 started calling her "Babe," after the **legendary** baseball
 55 player Babe Ruth. Ruth was famous for hitting home runs.
 66 It was no fluke that Babe Didrikson became a good athlete.
 73 Babe's father read newspaper articles about the 1928
 82 Olympic Games aloud to his children. Babe was 14 years
 94 old at the time. She began to dream about competing in the
 96 Olympics someday.
 104 Babe attended high school during the late 1920s. She
 114 excelled in every sport she tried. At only 5 feet (152 cm)
 124 tall and 105 pounds (48 kg), Babe was small. But she was
 strong. 125

Comprehension Check

1. Why does the author make it a point to explain Mildred Didrikson's nickname? **Author's Purpose**
2. How did Babe Didrikson's homelife help her to become an athlete? **Setting**

	Words Read	–	Number of Errors	=	Words Correct Score
First Read		–		=	
Second Read		–		=	



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A **table** presents factual information—such as names, places, and numbers—in a compact form.

Look at the table from a sports almanac. Then use the table to answer the questions that follow.

The Top Five Pitchers in Baseball History

Name	Career Length	Games Won	Games Lost
Walter Johnson	21 years	417	279
Christy Matthewson	17 years	373	188
Sandy Koufax	12 years	165	87
Lefty Grove	17 years	300	141
Cy Young	22 years	511	316

1. What does this table tell you about these pitchers? _____

2. Which of the pitchers had the shortest career? _____
3. Which pitcher won the most games? _____
4. Which pitcher lost the fewest number of games? _____
5. Which pitchers had careers that lasted the same number of years?

6. Who scored highest in all three categories? _____



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Vocabulary Strategy:
Descriptions

When you come to a word you do not know in a passage, read the entire sentence. Other words in the sentence may give **clues** to the meaning of the unfamiliar word.

Circle the clue words in each sentence that help you figure out the meaning of the word in dark type.

1. The crowd was **stupefied** by how amazingly bad the team played.
2. The children were afraid of the **cantankerous** old man because he was angry and always yelled at them.
3. The whole-grain cereal was full of **nutrients** that keep athletes healthy.
4. Aldo hit the ball so hard that no one even saw the ball fly **swiftly** through the air.
5. The new stadium was so **colossal** that you could fit 80,000 people into it and still have tickets left over.

Write your own definitions for three of the words above. First write the word, then write what it means.

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____



Name _____

The letters *ch* and *tch* stand for the sound you hear in the following words.

chopped marching each pitcher match

Write the correct word on the line. Then circle the letters that make the *ch* sound.

- I like to play _____.
a. coach b. catch c. cheat
- Shannon wants to _____ her brother how to play baseball.
a. chat b. catcher c. teach
- The fans _____ when Tanika hits a home run.
a. cheer b. reach c. hatch
- There is _____ all around the baseball.
a. inch b. chin c. stitching
- Mario thinks there is too _____ talk about how he won the game.
a. change b. twitch c. much
- Write a silly sentence using words with *ch* and *tch*.

