# AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

## task cards

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Driverless cars could improve our lives in many ways. Right now, more than 30,000 people die from traffic-related causes in the United States. Self-driving cars could reduce the number of these deaths dramatically. Human error would be eliminated. Traffic flow would improve because fewer cars would be on the road. Fuel use would be much more efficient with driverless cars, as well. They are programmed to brake and accelerate better than human drivers do. This improved fuel efficiency would lower carbon emissions by as much as 300 million tons per year. This is good for the environment. People would also be able to make the most of their time while traveling because they could focus on other activities instead of driving.

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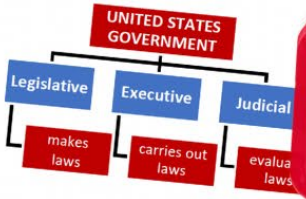
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The Constitution outlines the three branches of the federal governme and makes sure there is a balance of power between them. The **legislative bra** makes laws and includes Congress, which is divided into two parts: the House of Representatives and the Senate. The laws are carried out by the **executive branch,** which includes the President, Vice President, Cabinet, and most federal agencies. The third branch is the **judicial branch**, which evaluates laws to make sure they are fair. The Supreme Court and other courts control this branch.

**How does the author help readers better understand government?**
**Choose all that apply.**

a. By including subheadings
b. By supplying a diagram
c. By bolding key vocabulary words
d. By listing reasons for government




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**What is the author's purpose for writing this text?**

a. To persuade readers to eat omelets
b. To make readers hungry
c. To explain how to make an omelet
d. To inform readers about the benefits of eggs

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# Ways to Use Task Cards

1. **Centers**
2. **Scoot:** Pass out one card for each student. Set a timer and say, "scoot!" when the timer goes off. Students move seats to the next card. They continue to rotate until they are back at their original seat.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide cards around the room. Students search for cards and answer them.
4. **Jenga:** Number Jenga blocks. Students stack the blocks, then take turns pulling blocks. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole class practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini white boards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.

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Joseph-Armand Bombardier was interested in mechanics at an early age. In 1934, his son died because they couldn't get him to a hospital in time through tough winter weather. This made Bombardier invent a vehicle that ran on caterpillar tracks a year later. It was steered by skis and could hold 2-3 passengers. The first people to buy his snowmobiles were doctors, ambulance drivers, and people living in remote areas. Later, Bombardier turned his garage into a manufacturing company and made thousands of snow machines. Over time, snowmobiles became vehicles used for entertainment as well as practical purposes.

**What is the author's purpose for writing this text?**

a. To inform readers about the first snowmobile
b. To explain how to ride a snowmobile
c. To persuade readers to buy a snowmobile
d. To entertain readers about the fun of snowmobiling

# 3 Author's Purpose

Solar energy is the best power supply choice. It is a clean, renewable resource that is available all over the world every day. Using solar power reduces electricity bills too. In some cases, people can receive payments for extra energy they make with their solar power system. Although solar panels can be costly to install, they need little maintenance and last a long time. Most solar panels can last 20-25 years with few repairs needed. There are also improvements that are being made that can increase the effectiveness of solar technology. The benefits of solar energy make it an attractive option.

**What is the author's purpose for writing this text?**

a. To entertain readers with solar energy facts
b. To inform readers about solar panels
c. To explain how solar energy works
d. To persuade readers to choose solar energy

# 4 Author's Purpose

A violin is a small, stringed musical instrument invented in the early 16th century. Violins are typically made of spruce or maple wood. A violin has an hourglass shape with a narrow neck extending from its body. Strings run along the front. The violin is held under the chin while the fingers of the left hand press on the strings along the neck. This changes the pitch when the strings are plucked or bowed. A bow is held in the right hand and is slid along the strings to create a sound. Violins can be played solo or be found as an important part of an orchestra.

**What is the author's most likely reason for writing this text?**

a. To explain how violins are made
b. To persuade readers to play the violin
c. To inform readers about violins
d. To entertain readers who like orchestra music

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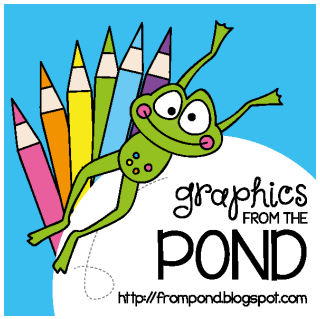
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