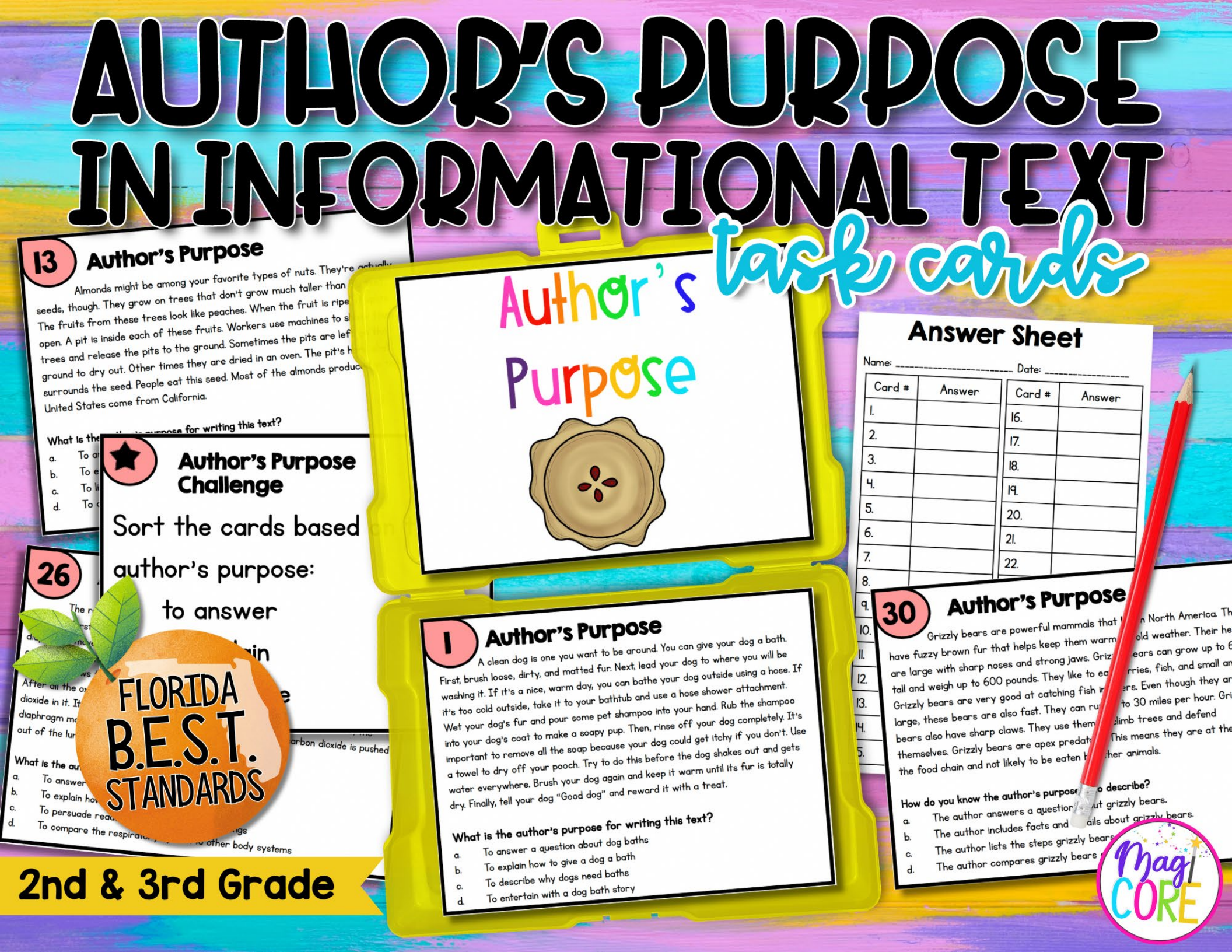
AUTHOR'S PURPOSE IN INFORMATIONAL TEXT

task cards



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 whiteboards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.

1 Author's Purpose

A clean dog is one you want to be around. You can give your dog a bath. First, brush loose, dirty, and matted fur. Next, lead your dog to where you will be washing it. If it's a nice, warm day, you can bathe your dog outside using a hose. If it's too cold outside, take it to your bathtub and use a hose shower attachment. Wet your dog's fur and pour some pet shampoo into your hand. Rub the shampoo into your dog's coat to make a soapy pup. Then, rinse off your dog completely. It's important to remove all the soap because your dog could get itchy if you don't. Use a towel to dry off your pooch. Try to do this before the dog shakes out and gets water everywhere. Brush your dog again and keep it warm until its fur is totally dry. Finally, tell your dog "Good dog" and reward it with a treat.

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

a. To answer a question about dog baths
b. To explain how to give a dog a bath
c. To describe why dogs need baths
d. To entertain with a dog bath story

2 Author's Purpose

The Himalayan Mountains in India are home to the world's largest igloo café called the Snoglu. It is 37 ½ feet tall and 44 ½ feet wide. The café is part of a ski resort. It is made of snow and ice. All the benches, tables, and decorative railings are made of packed snow. To make the benches more comfortable, sheep skins cover them. Snow art is etched into the Snoglu's walls. About forty people can sit inside at the igloo café's ten tables. Visitors can enjoy coffee, hot chocolate, and snacks. The food and drinks are meant to be served and eaten quickly. It is cold in the café! By about March, the snow melts. The Snoglu will be gone... until next winter.

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

a. To explain how to make an igloo café
b. To answer a question about building with snow
c. To describe the Snoglu to readers
d. To describe the Himalayan Mountains to readers

3 Author's Purpose

Bus stops in the United Kingdom are helping bees. The number of bees has been dropping over the years. The world needs bees to pollinate plants. Many plants wouldn't be able to make seeds or grow fruits and vegetables without bees. Rooftop gardens are being added to UK bus stops. This gives bees a place to survive in a crowded world. These small gardens are filled with flowers and plants. The flowers and plants are chosen to attract bees. Called "buzz stops," these gardens also help to slightly lower city temperatures. The UK wants to replace old bus stops with these new, bee-friendly ones. This will hopefully raise the number of bees.

How do you know the author's purpose in the text is to describe?

a. The author lists the steps in a process.
b. The author gives key details about a topic.
c. The author answers a question.
d. The author tells a story about the topic.

4 Author's Purpose

Why did Megalodon sharks go extinct? There are three main reasons these over 50-foot-long sharks are no longer in the oceans. One reason is their habitats changed when the oceans grew colder during the Pliocene Period. These sharks were warm-blooded. The cold-water temperatures could no longer support them. Another reason is a lack of prey. The colder oceans caused other smaller fish and sea animals to go extinct. Soon there wasn't enough for Megalodon sharks to eat. A final reason is that once the food supplies were low, large sea creatures had to fight for resources. This may have increased the number of predators Megalodons met underwater.

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

a. To explain how Megalodon sharks eat
b. To persuade readers to save the Megalodon
c. To describe Megalodons' habitat
d. To answer a question about Megalodon extinction

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29 Author's Purpose

People like to make collages to express themselves. To make a collage:

1. Gather posterboard, scissors, glue, and old magazines that have photos you like.
2. Page through the magazines. Cut out the images that you like or have meaning to you with the scissors.
3. Arrange your images on the poster board. Play with different layouts until you have an arrangement that is pleasing to you.
4. Glue the images to the poster board.
5. Optional: Add other elements such as stickers, drawings, text, or glitter!
6. Let your collage dry and hang it up to enjoy!

How does the author help you understand how to make a collage?

a. The author describes facts about the history of collages.
b. The author answers a question about making collages.
c. The author includes a picture of a finished collage as an example.
d. The author includes numbered steps to explain how to make a collage.

30 Author's Purpose

Grizzly bears are powerful mammals that live in North America. They have fuzzy brown fur that helps keep them warm in cold weather. Their heads are large with sharp noses and strong jaws. Grizzly bears can grow up to 6 feet tall and weigh up to 600 pounds. They like to eat berries, fish, and small animals. Grizzly bears are very good at catching fish in rivers. Even though they are large, these bears are also fast. They can run up to 30 miles per hour. Grizzly bears also have sharp claws. They use them to climb trees and defend themselves. Grizzly bears are apex predators. This means they are at the top of the food chain and not likely to be eaten by other animals.

How do you know the author's purpose is to describe?

a. The author answers a question about grizzly bears.
b. The author includes facts and details about grizzly bears.
c. The author lists the steps grizzly bears use to hunt.
d. The author compares grizzly bears and black bears.

Author's Purpose



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Author's Purpose Challenge

Sort the cards based on the author's purpose:

- to answer
- to explain
- to describe

Answer Sheet

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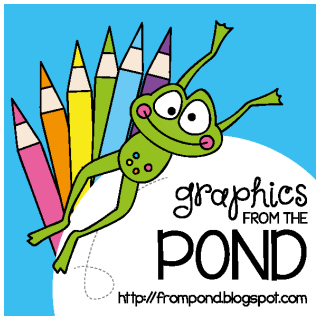
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