Name _____ Date _____

An author's purpose is to entertain, persuade, explain, or describe. Read the following paragraphs and write the author's purpose.

I

The Zoo

Animals from around the world live at the zoo. They are cared for by workers at the zoo. The first zoos were in China thousands of years ago.

II

My Zoo

I have two gerbils, eight fish, one hamster, and one bird. I don't think that is too many animals, but Mom does. I guess I shouldn't tell her that one of my gerbils is going to have babies!

III

The Zebra

The zebra looks like a white horse with black stripes. The zebra is in the horse family. Its head, body, and tail look like those of a horse.

IV

Parker's Zoo
152 South St., Mashnee

Take the whole family to Parker's Zoo. You'll see amazing animals from all over the world. Pack a lunch and spend the day. You'll be glad you came!

Purpose

I. _____ II. _____

III. _____ IV. _____

I

The Music Man

Learn to play an instrument! Sign up for fall music lessons today. We have the finest teacher and best prices in town. Call Mike the Music Man now at 555-1234.

II

The Violin

The violin is called a stringed instrument. That is because the violin makes its sound with strings. Each string makes a different sound when played. The violin is small. It looks like a tiny cello.

III

Musical Instruments

There are many different kinds of musical instruments. There are violins, drums, horns, pianos, and many more. Each instrument makes its own special sound. The next time you listen to music, see how many different instruments you can hear.

IV

My Piano Lesson

I have always wanted to learn to play the piano, like my grandmother. Today was my first piano lesson. My teacher's name is Miss Dexter. She is mostly nice, but she sure can make a strange face when I don't play the right key.

Purpose

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III. _____ IV. _____