

Forms and Purposes

Apply In:

- Leveled Book: *Families*
- Leveled Book: *What a Day!*

1 Reteach

Display a variety of texts and invite students to come to a “Book Fair.” Encourage students to look at the various texts and tell why they might read each one. Ask questions to prompt discussion: **Can you learn about someone’s life from this book? Does this article give you facts?**

Identify each item by genre. Then say:

- ▶ **Each of these has a different purpose. The purpose of a biography is to tell about a person’s life. The purpose of a photo essay is to give information through photographs and words.**

Then display and discuss this chart:

Forms	Purposes
poem	gives feelings
realistic fiction	tells a story; entertains
photo essay	gives information; uses photos
fantasy	tells a make-believe story; entertains
biography	tells a person’s life story

Materials

- variety of texts: textbook, poem, fiction, biography, news report, photo essay, science article, fantasy, etc.

2 Practice with a Partner

Have partners review the texts and complete a two-column chart with the headings *What It Is* and *Why I Read It*.

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3 Apply

Distribute copies of the **Literary Forms and Purposes Bookmark**. Explain that students should refer to the Bookmark as they read. Have students identify the literary form and purpose of each book. Use the **Multi-Level Strategies** to support them.

INTERMEDIATE

Ask: **Which book is a photo essay?** (*Families*) **Which book is realistic fiction?** (*What a Day!*) **How do you know?** Then ask: **Why might you read *Families*?** (to learn about different families) **Why might you read *What a Day!*?** (to be entertained)

ADVANCED

After students identify the literary form of each book and discuss its purpose, have them tell how well each book meets its purpose. Students might say, for example, that the photos in *Families* are a great way to show different kinds of families.

Record students' ideas in a chart.

<i>Families</i>	<i>What a Day!</i>
Form: photo essay Purpose: to give information	Form: realistic fiction Purpose: to tell a story; to entertain

Encourage students to add additional titles to the chart.

CLOSE AND ASSESS

Have students name several literary forms and tell the purpose of each.

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