

# Forms and Purposes

## Apply In:

- Leveled Book: *A Nation of Immigrants*
- Leveled Book: *How Many Days to America?*

## 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: **Does this article tell facts? Does this poem tell about the writer’s feelings?**

Identify each item by genre, and then explain purposes:

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

Then display and discuss this chart:

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

## Materials

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

## 2 Practice with a Partner

Have partners look at a variety of texts and complete a two-column chart with the headings: *What It Is* and *Why I Read It*.

## Literary Forms and Purposes

### 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

Help students identify the literary form of each book: **Which is a photo essay?** (*A Nation of Immigrants*) **Which book is realistic fiction?** (*How Many Days to America?*) Then have students discuss the purpose of each book.

#### ADVANCED

After students identify the literary forms and purposes, have them tell how well each book meets its purpose. For example, they might say that the photos in *A Nation of Immigrants* are a great way to “meet” immigrants.

Record students’ ideas in a book diagram.

<i>A Nation of Immigrants</i>	<i>How Many Days to America?</i>
<b>Form:</b> photo essay <b>Purpose:</b> to give information using photos and words	<b>Form:</b> realistic fiction <b>Purpose:</b> to tell a story that could really happen; to entertain

Invite students to add additional titles to the chart.

#### CLOSE AND ASSESS

Have students name several literary forms and their purposes.

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