**Author’s Purpose Activity**

**Directions**: Read the descriptions of each item and determine the author’s purpose in writing it (to entertain, persuade, or inform).

1. A story about a family trying to stick together and survive through the Great Depression in the Midwest in the 1930’s.

2. A section in a history book describing the conditions and causes of the Great Depression in the Midwest in the 1930’s.

3. An instructional booklet describing how to operate a smart phone.

4. An article where the author argues that an iPhone is better than an Android phone.

5. A poem about why the iPhone is the greatest consumer electronic device ever made.

6. The story of a young athlete who takes steroids, and his life and future fall apart.

7. A medical report describing the effects of steroids on the human body.

8. A speech written by a professional athlete listing the negative effects of steroids and urging young athletes to not use steroids.

9. A booklet containing the school rules and the consequences for violating those rules.

10. A story written about a young boy who moves to a new school and is bullied, but he gains self-confidence by joining a sports team and learns to stand up for himself.