



Read each passage and decide: did the author write to Persuade, Inform, or Entertain? Answer the questions in complete sentences.

### Open Our Library Longer!

Dear Principal Evans,

I am writing to you today to ask for an important change that I believe will help all students at Northwood Elementary: please extend our school library hours!

Right now, the library closes right after school, which means many of us don't have enough time to use it. I truly believe that keeping the library open for just one more hour, until 4:00 PM, would make a huge difference for everyone.

First, longer hours would give students more time to finish homework. Not everyone has a quiet place at home to study, and the library is perfect for concentrating. Second, it would let us borrow more exciting books. Sometimes, I find a great book but don't have time to check it out before the bell rings. Imagine how many more stories we could discover!

While some might worry about the cost of keeping the library open longer, I think the benefits for student learning and reading far outweigh this concern. We could even have parent volunteers help supervise. Giving us more access to books and a calm study space is an investment in our future. Please consider my request to keep our wonderful library open longer each day. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Maya Singh, Grade 4 Student



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**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

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**(1) What is the MAIN purpose of this passage?**

- A** To inform readers about the current library hours.
- B** To persuade the principal to extend library hours.
- C** To entertain readers with a story about a library.
- D** To describe what happens in the school library.

**(2) The author wrote this passage mainly to \_\_\_\_\_ the reader.**

*— continue writing on the lines below*

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**(3) Which detail from the passage BEST shows the author's purpose?**

- A** "I am writing to you today to ask for an important change..."
- B** "Not everyone has a quiet place at home to study..."
- C** "Sometimes, I find a great book but don't have time to check it out..."
- D** "We could even have parent volunteers help supervise."

**(4) How do you know the author's purpose? Use TWO details from the passage to support your answer.**

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(5) If you were writing about the same topic, which purpose would YOU choose — to persuade, inform, or entertain? Explain why.

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