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**What Is Reading All About?**

**Author’s Purpose**

As readers, ***You*** must become like ***Sherlock Holmes***  and ***consider and analyze*** the following:

**What is the author’s purpose?**

(theme /central idea / main idea)

Depending on the text type, the answer to the above question will vary slightly…

**FICTION NON-FICTION**

(short story, novel, poem, etc.) (newspaper article, speech, essay, etc.)

Its central idea comes in the form of Its ***central idea*** comes in the form of a

a ***theme*** (lesson, moral or message) that ***main idea*** that informs, persuades, or

informs or teaches. entertains.

**Review**:

1. Identify author’s purpose: theme {fiction} or central idea/main idea {non-fiction}

2. Identify ***how*** the author gets this central idea/main idea across to the reader. In other words, which literary techniques or elements does the author use to help readers make connections? Use Literary Devices handout to assist you in this endeavor.