What does an author write about and why?

Identify the three types of author’s purpose. Match the descriptions below to the correct purpose in the graphic organizer.

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Match each of the sources to the correct author’s purpose.

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| **Author’s Purpose** | **Sources** |
| **Persuade*** Essays\*
* Black Friday catalogs
* Social media advertisements
 | * Essays\*
* Book titled *How to Train Your Dog*
* Article on iPhone vs. Android
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* Textbooks
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\*Essays can be both persuasive and informative. “I Have a Dream” by Martin Luther King, Jr. has persuasive qualities. A scientist’s essay about research findings could be informational.