



Author's purpose

I will serve you a passage, and you tell me the author's purpose for writing it!

Gaylord Nelson is the person credited for Earth Day. He was convinced that the planet was at risk, so he decided to try to do something to change that. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962. He came up with an idea for Earth Day and announced the concept at a conference he was attending in Seattle in the fall of 1969.

Citizens from all over the United States responded to his call. By the following April, Americans were ready. The first Earth Day took place on April 22, 1970. 20 million people participated. Thousands of schools and communities got involved.

Earth Day celebrations have flourished since that first one in 1970. There is now an Earth Day Network, a nonprofit group that organizes Earth Day activities. In 1990, Earth Day went global when 140 countries participated. Earth Day is now an important day in April. People everywhere are uniting to take care of our planet.

What was the author's purpose in writing this passage?

If you have a lot of extra crayon stubs laying around, don't throw them out! You can use them to make big, chunky crayons.

Just follow these steps:

1. Collect all of your old crayons.
2. Remove the paper wrapped around the crayons.
3. Cut them into small pieces.
4. Preheat the oven to 250 degrees.
5. Fill a muffin tin one inch thick with the crayon pieces.
6. Bake 15-20 minutes, or until crayons are melted.
7. Allow the tin to cool. Pop out the crayons and start coloring.

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Dear Kate,

I wish you were here at the beach with me! You would love it! Last night, I sat on the beach as the sun was setting. I could feel the warm breeze while I listened to the calming, rhythmic crashing of waves against the shore. The colors of the sunset was simply beautiful! The sky had layers of red, orange, yellow, blue, violet, and magenta. It was incredible! I took a deep breath and the feeling of fresh air filling my lungs was refreshing. The only thing that would have made the experience better is if you would have been here to see it with me. See you soon! Say hi to Mom and Dad for me!

Your sister,
Jessica

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Brooke dragged herself to the kitchen. *Ugh! I just want to go back to bed,* she thought. She wished it was the weekend, but she knew it was only Thursday. She had to be to school in 45 minutes. *I better start on breakfast.*

Brooke glanced at the counter as she opened the refrigerator. *What in the world?!?* she thought to herself. She rubbed her eyes and looked again. Yes, she saw the same thing: purple eggs and green milk?!?! *Are my eyes working correctly?*

"April Fool's!" giggled her mother, who was watching from the other room.

Brooke smiled. "That was a good one, Mom!" Her mom knew that Brooke loved this quirky day of the year.

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Many people think brown is a boring color, but I disagree. Brown is the best color of all! It is the color of teddy bears, and don't most young children go to bed with a teddy bear? Brown can give us a feeling of comfort. Brown is also the color of chocolate. Everyone loves chocolate! It's the perfect thing to make you feel better after a rough day. Don't you agree that brown is one of the best colors?

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