

Evaluating the Author's Message Student Activity Sheet

Name _____

Date _____

Title _____

Author _____

- The **author's message** includes the ideas, information, and attitudes that the writer of a work wants to convey to his or her audience.
- **Author's bias** refers to the writer's own feelings toward, or personal interest in, his or her subject.

Directions: Answer the questions below about the author's message in the work you are reading:

1. What key idea does the author of this book want to convey to you?

2. How does the author support that message? Consider reasons, examples, descriptive language or imagery that conveys an attitude, and persuasive language that invites an action or a response from readers. In the chart below, list examples of the support you find. Use an additional form if needed. Note that the work may not contain every kind of support.

Reasons	Examples	Description	Persuasive Language

3. Do you think that the author of this work has a bias toward his or her subject? If so, explain that bias. Give examples from the work to support your statement.

4. Given the author's support of his or her message, is the message logical? Explain.

5. How do you respond to the message? Do you agree or disagree with it? Explain.