

Reading for Different Purposes

It's important to set a purpose for reading before delivering a tutor read aloud or when you are introducing the text for the student read aloud. The chart below captures some of the most common purposes for reading informational and literature texts.

Genre	Purposes for Reading
Informational texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● To learn something new● To learn more information about a topic● To compare information from different sources● To learn about the cause and/or effects of an event● To learn about a person's life and accomplishments● To become an expert on a topic● To learn about how something has changed over time● To be persuaded by the author to take on a particular stance or to take action
Literature texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● To be entertained● To get to know the characters● To learn the characters' motivation● To see how characters react to the events in the plot● To find out how characters change over the course of the plot● To identify the problem and/or solution● To find out what happens in the plot● To examine the author's use of language● To figure out the author's message● To learn important life lessons