

Name _____ Date _____

The Merry-Go-Round



Read just the first two sentences and stop to visualize a picture in your mind for what you read.

Then, continue reading the passage and create pictures in your mind as you read.

Sandra was bouncing on her feet as her mom brought her to the park to meet up with her friends. She had it all planned out in her mind – first they would play on the slide, then the swing, followed by the merry-go-round. "I'll be sitting on this bench" her mom called, interrupting her thoughts. Sandra and her friend Penny shrieked when they saw each other. They ran to the slide and played on every piece of equipment at the park for an hour without stopping to take a break. When Penny's mom told her it was time to go, it was Sandra who exclaimed "Aw, already?" The girls walked with each other toward their cars. "See you next weekend!" were their parting words that always ended each play date.

Draw three of the pictures you imagined as you read this passage.

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Use your pictures to think about the author's purpose and to answer the following questions.

What is the Author's Purpose?

- To entertain To persuade To inform

How did your pictures help you see the author's purpose?
