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| **Survival Guide to Middle School Name:** |

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| **C:\Documents and Settings\jpiner\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\5ED622GG\MC900188077[1].wmfSurvival Guide Directions:**   * Use the front of this page to create a poster for future sixth graders about how to survive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in middle school * Write your assigned topic (lockers, organization, etc.) in the center of the page * Complete the “Must Haves” in the four boxes * The drawings and words must fill the entire page * Make it neat and colorful |

**The following are “Must Haves:”**

1. Information about your topic – give an explanation of your topic and describe the importance (*For example: In middle school a locker is used for… Lockers are important because… You must use your locker properly because…*)
   * Your purpose as the writer/creator of this section is to **INFORM** your reader/viewer about your topic
2. Tips for surviving middle school that are specific to your assigned topic
   * Your purpose as the writer/creator of this section is **PERSUADE** your audience to use your tips/take your advice in order to “survive” middle school
3. An anecdote (a short amusing or interesting story about an incident) about your topic
   * Your purpose as the writer/creator of this section is to **ENTERTAIN** your reader while representing the importance of understanding your topic and following your advice
4. Images (pictures/symbols) that represent your topic

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| **Author’s Purpose: A writer’s reason for writing**C:\Documents and Settings\jpiner\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\LXHOO2LC\MC900088622[1].wmf  **Persuade:** The author wants to convince the reader to do something or think a certain way – *powerful words, clear statement of opinion.*  **Inform:** The author gives facts (**information**) and details about a topic – *clear language, explanations, many facts.*  **Entertain:** A writer tells an amusing story or gives interesting details about a topic – *amusing language, descriptive words.* |

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Tips for earning an **A+** on your Survival Guide:

* Use pencil first and add color after everything is written in pencil
* Make your “Tips” section stand out by using **catchy**, **creative** phrases
* Add **sensory details** (words that appeal to one of the five senses) in your anecdote