**AUTHOR’S PURPOSE**

An **author's purpose** is the reason an **author** decides to write about a specific topic. Then, once a topic is selected, the **author** must decide whether his **purpose** for writing is to inform, persuade, entertain, or explain his ideas to the reader.

From the concrete and abstract details you collected from The Cranberries’ song “Zombie,” you should have a good feel for the author’s purpose. Now, use the lyrics to pull evidence from the text that support what you feel is the author’s purpose. Write a paragraph answering: What is the author’s purpose in “Zombie” by the Cranberries?

Remember to start out your answer with a topic sentence stating the title of the piece.

