

Based on your reading and reflection on the prologue to *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, write one or two sentences in which you identify the author's purpose and how she achieves it. You may follow the pattern below, or you may venture out on your own.

In the book \_\_\_\_\_, the author, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Title of book in italics) (author's name)

\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_  
(verb that accurately reflects the author's purpose, followed by her message) (author's last name)

makes her point by \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Example 1)

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Example 2) (Example 3)

SAMPLE

In the book *Outliers*, the author, Malcolm Gladwell, **argues** that some people are not born with more talent, intelligence or ingenuity than other people, as we like to believe, but instead that they become great at what they do after committing at least 10,000 hours of practice to their field. Gladwell makes his point by explaining how various famous successful people achieved their greatness, how Canadian hockey players get their leg-up on the competition, and how hard work and determination contribute to success more than inherent talent.