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How Does the Author Use Research?

Writers pack a lot of information into their writing. Each piece of information is gathered from a source and is included for a reason—such as to support a central idea, provide background information, or establish mood. In this activity, you will explore how and why an author uses research in an article.

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