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THE POLAR EXPRESS

Directions: Identify the theme and purpose of the book *The Polar Express*.

1. What is the Chris Van Allsburg's purpose for writing *The Polar Express*?

- A. To Persuade
- B. To Inform
- C. To entertain



2. How do you know? (Support your answer with two or more pieces of evidence).

3. What is the theme of Chris Van Allsburg's *The Polar Express*? Remember, theme is the lesson or message from the story. Explain your answer with detail.

