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Author's usually have a purpose in writing something.

Many times the purpose is to inform or give facts.

Read the following informative writing and then fill in the chart. Parts have been filled out for you.

A Sphinx is a mythological creature that has the body of a lion and the head of a man. Usually when the sphinx was drawn, the head was that of a king or pharaoh. In Egypt, many sphinxes were created as statues to guard important areas, like temples or tombs. The most famous Sphinx is known as the Sphinx of Giza. This is one of the oldest and largest sphinx statues ever made. It was carved around 2500 BC with a head resembling Pharaoh Khafra. The Sphinx of Giza is 241 feet long, 66 feet high and 20 feet wide. That is huge! The nose alone was nearly 5 feet long, but it was knocked off. The Sphinx of Giza is still in great shape considering that erosion, wind, and sand have weathered it for hundreds of years. It is believed that when the Sphinx of Giza was first created it was painted with bright colors. It would have been and is an impressive sight.

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	Fact about sphinx

Answer Sheet

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"Sphinx of Giza was first created it was painted with bright colors"	Fact about Sphinx of Giza
"A Sphinx is a mythological creature that has the body of a lion and the head of a man."	Fact about sphinx
"The Sphinx of Giza is 241 feet long, 66 feet high and 20 feet wide" ** Answers may vary**	Fact about Sphinx of Giza size